

# Amended Workers' Compensation Act Helps Saskatchewan Deliver on Safety and Protection

Amendments to *The Workers' Compensation Act, 2013* have passed that will make Saskatchewan a leader in providing compensation for wildland firefighters and help address concerns from employers and injured workers and their families. The amendments will come into force on Order in Council later this year.

## Expanding occupational disease presumption coverage:

- Clause 28(3)(a): expands coverage to wildland firefighters for 22 forms of cancer and heart injury.

## Voluntary coverage for out-of-province workers:

- Section 34 expands coverage for out-of-province workers whose normal place of residence is Canada.
- Subsection 187(1) clause (a.11) provides regulation making authority to prescribe other out-of-province workers.

## Housekeeping amendments:

- Subsection 2(1) clauses (g), (p), dd and (ff.1) ensure that chiropractors, health care professionals, physicians and psychiatrists licensed in other jurisdictions are covered under the Act.
- Section 11 allows board members to continue to complete proceedings after their term of appointment expires.
- Section 23.1 and clause 187(1)(d.1) enable regulations to be made to specify the manner of publishing appeal tribunal decisions.
- Subsection 100(3) ensures workers, who are imprisoned outside Saskatchewan, can have their compensation suspended, in the same way as workers imprisoned within the province.