THE SCRUTINY OF REGULATIONS PROCESS

Steps taken after enactment

Referral to Assembly

- Automatic filing with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
- Referral to appropriate policy field committee

Review by Law Clerk

- Reviews all regulations and bylaws
- Prepares a list of regulations where no legal concerns were identified
- Prepares a report for each regulation where a legal concern is identified
- May or may not correspond with Minister prior to reporting to policy field Committee
- Reports to the policy field committee

Correspondence with Minister

- Where a concern is identified, Law Clerk corresponds with the Minister of the responsible department
- Department may respond to Law Clerk's concerns
- Results are reported to the policy field committee (resolved or not)

Review by Policy Field Committee

- Reviews Law Clerk's report, including the correspondence
- Committee may direct further correspondence with Department
- Public hearings may be held
- Member may identify concern independently of Law Clerk
- Committee determines whether to pursue concern further or consider it resolved
- Officials may be called to appear before the committee

Correspondence with Minister

- Department may respond to Law Clerk's concern
- Results reported to committee (resolved or not)

Report to Assembly

- Report identifies business conducted and status of regulations before the committee and concerns to be considered by the Assembly
- Assembly may order revocation of regulation (s. 17 *The Regulation Act, 1995)*