

IN THE  
House of Commons



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**MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> - THE GENTLEMEN, LEO CAVINDER, SUBMITS  
THE FOLLOWING BILL FOR CONSIDERATION.**

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**HR 19**

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*to*

establish a new form of House Code, establishing changes, archiving old code, in addition to permit the Clerk to make technical corrections in order to make a form a new House Code.

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**B**E IT ENACTED by this House of Commons, in this present, assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 **SECTION 1. Title.**

2 (a) This Act may be cited as “Modernization to House of  
3 Commons Code.”

4 **SECTION 2. Archiving old code citations.**

5 (a) House of Commons Code (HCC), established in 2021,  
6 shall be updated in the following ways:

7 (i) The Current Code citation format shall be  
8 archived. A version of this Code shall be considered  
9 the “2021 Code” and the Clerk shall make this  
10 version of the Code available electronically.

11 (ii) Following the enactment of this Act, the Clerk  
12 shall work with the Speaker to update the House  
13 code in a new format outlined in Section 3 of this  
14 Act.

15 (iii) Code citations shall be updated within reason  
16 in respect to these changes. The 2021 Code shall  
17 remain a resource to reference older citations.

18 **SECTION 3. House code numbering.**

19 (a) This Section of the Act shall supersede and replace  
20 Section 4 of Public Law 221-03.

21 (b) The House of Commons Code shall be divided into the  
22 following categories:

23 (i) Titles

24 (ii) Chapters; and

25 (iii) Sections.

26 (c) TITLES.—Shall be created by the Clerk of the House  
27 to organize the Code as necessary. Titles should be broad  
28 subjects.

29 (d) CHAPTERS.—Shall be created by the Clerk of the  
30 House and are more specific topics within a Title.

31 (e) SECTIONS.—Shall be added by the Clerk in response  
32 to each Act passed and assented by the Speaker.

33 (i) A Section in each Act cannot be split. (e.g.  
34 Section 2(a) and Section 2(b) cannot be split. All of  
35 Section 2 must be in on Section of Code.)

36 (ii) Sections can be repealed and therefore should  
37 have all text stricken and replace with  
38 “REPEALED” next to the citation.

39 (iii) Sections can be amended with new Acts passed  
40 and assented. Each section shall list the Public Law  
41 (Pub. L.) number and the Section of that Pub. L. in  
42 the Section of the Code. Amendments to the Section  
43 shall reference the new Pub. L. number and  
44 section.

45 (iv) House Code shall not contain Title or  
46 unnecessary clauses from Acts passed.

47 (f) Upon an Act passing the House and signed into Law,  
48 the Clerk shall take each Section for the assented Act and  
49 place in in the appropriate Titles (see subsection (c)) and  
50 Chapters (see subsection (d)).

51 (g) House code should be cited as follows:

52 (i) § X-X-X.X                      Section Title

53 (ii) The first “X” shall indicate the Title;

54 (iii) The second “X” shall indicate the Chapter;

55 (iv) The third “X” shall indicate the Section; and

56 (v) The fourth “X”, following the point, shall  
57 indicate a new section that corresponds to the  
58 section above it; however not all Sections will have  
59 this “.X”. (e.g. 2-1-1 and 2-1-1.5 shall show that 2-1-

60 1.5 corresponds to 2-1-1.)

61 (h) REPLACEMENT CLAUSE.—These changes to House  
62 Code shall be reflective in a new version of the Code,  
63 which shall be cited as “2022 Code”, and the Clerk shall  
64 work to create and finish by December 31, 2022.

65 (i) Any bills or joint resolutions passed and  
66 assented before the 2022 Code is completed shall be  
67 added to the 2021 Code. Anything passed and  
68 assented past December 31, 2022 must be added to  
69 the 2022 Code only.

70 (i) The remainder of Public Law 221-03 shall be in effect  
71 for all purposes.

72 **SECTION 4. Removal of (a) in one clause sections.**

73 (a) Sections that are only one clause, shall have the “(a)”  
74 before them removed. Any section that has more than one  
75 clause shall have a subsection letter before each clause.

76 **SECTION 5. Technical corrections.**

77 The Clerk of the House shall be authorized to make any  
78 corrections to previous laws in order to comply with this  
79 Act.

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*Speaker of the House Assent*