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## Consultations Open for New Farm Safety Legislation

*Survey open until August 31, 2019*

The Government of Alberta has initiated an engagement process as part of their plan to repeal the [Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act](#) (Bill 6) and replace it with the *Farm Freedom and Safety Act*. Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has opened a [survey](#) to engage Alberta farmers, ranchers, and other stakeholders.

The *Farm Freedom and Safety Act* proposes to:

- Give farmers the option of buying workplace insurance from WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) or another supplier as long as basic coverage is provided for such things as medical and return-to-work supports and loss of income protection
- Exempt small farms from employment legislation, similar to New Brunswick
- Ensure basic safety standards are in place
- Reduce the regulatory burden and minimize red tape for farmers and ranchers

For more information on the review process, click [here](#).

To participate in the survey, click [here](#). The deadline for responses is **August 31, 2019**.

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