

Construction Lien Act amendments – Benefit or Burden?

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In this article we draw to your attention four specific amendments to the *Construction Lien Act* brought forward under the Open for *Business Act, 2010* omnibus Bill 68 (which received Royal Assent on October 25, 2010) that will have impact on the construction industry. The first amendment, which expands the definition of improvement under the *Construction Lien Act*, is already in force. The next two amendments speak to procedure. The final amendment discussed will be of significance to condominium developers, builders and general contractors alike, as it adds an additional statutory requirement for notice to trades and suppliers. These latter amendments come into force on July 1, 2011.