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MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner J.V.N. (Vince) Hawkes
Chairs, Police Services Boards

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SUBJECT: **Clarification on the *Safe Access to Abortion Services Act, 2017***

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I am writing to you further to my All Chiefs Memorandum (ACM), index number 17-0064, dated November 1, 2017, which attached a letter from Attorney General Yasir Naqvi, dated October 30, 2017. As stated in the Attorney General's letter, the Ontario Legislature passed the *Safe Access to Abortion Services Act, 2017* (SAASA) in late October. The letter further noted that the legislation will come into force on proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, once the regulations are drafted. **The SAASA has not yet been proclaimed, and as such, is not in force.**

Once the SAASA has been proclaimed in force, we will release another ACM to advise police services.

Sincerely,

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