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**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and

Commissioner J.V.N. (Vince) Hawkes

Chairs, Police Services Boards

FROM: Stephen Beckett

**Assistant Deputy Minister** 

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I am writing to you further to my All Chiefs Memorandums, index numbers 17-0064 and 17-0066, dated November 1, 2017 and November 16, 2017, respectively.

At the request of the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG), I am sharing a memo announcing that the *Safe Access to Abortion Services Act*, 2017 (SAASA) will come into force on **February 1, 2018**.

Please review the attached memo from Assistant Deputy Attorney General Irwin Glasberg, which provides a detailed overview of the Act. As indicated in the memo, police services are encouraged to contact Judy Mungovan, Counsel, Policy Division, MAG if they have any questions regarding safe access zones and the SAASA; she may be reached at 416-326-2519 or <a href="mailto:judy.mungovan@ontario.ca">judy.mungovan@ontario.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

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**Assistant Deputy Minister** 

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Attachment