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# Bill 168

## An Act to combat antisemitism

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**Private Member's Bill**

1st Reading      December 11, 2019

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



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### Preamble

Antisemitism is a multi-faceted problem that requires a multi-faceted strategy, encompassing a range of ministries and agencies. For that reason, it is desirable to require the Government of Ontario to implement a whole-of-government approach in combating antisemitism. As part of that approach, it is desirable to apply a consistent interpretation of Acts, regulations and policies designed to protect Ontarians from discrimination and hate amounting to antisemitism.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

### Interpretation

**1** In interpreting Acts, regulations and policies designed to protect Ontarians from discrimination and hate amounting to antisemitism, the Government of Ontario shall be guided by the working definition of antisemitism and the list of illustrative examples of it adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance plenary on May 26, 2016.

### *Legislation Act, 2006* amendment

**2** Section 87 of the *Legislation Act, 2006* is amended by adding the following definition:

“antisemitism” has the meaning set out in the working definition of antisemitism and the list of illustrative examples of it adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance plenary on May 26, 2016; (antisémitisme”)

### Commencement

**3** This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

### Short title

**4** The short title of this Act is the *Combating Antisemitism Act, 2019*.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill requires the Government of Ontario to be guided by the working definition of antisemitism and the list of illustrative examples of it, adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance plenary on May 26, 2016, when it interprets Acts, regulations and policies designed to protect Ontarians from discrimination and hate amounting to antisemitism.

The Bill also amends the *Legislation Act, 2006* to adopt that working definition.