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**Sample Bill – *National Essential Services Act*  
(Entry-Level Version)**

\_\_\_\_ Session, \_\_\_\_ Parliament

Elizabeth II, 200\_

The House of Commons of Canada

BILL C-0\_

This is an Act to make sure that Canadians have essential services

The Queen, through the Senate and the House of Commons of Canada, makes the following Act:

**SHORT TITLE**

This Act may be known as the *National Essential Services Act*.

**INTERPRETATION**

1. These definitions apply to this Act.

"essential service" is any service provided to all citizens under any law passed by the House of Commons

"Minister" is the Minister of Labour

"remote area" means an area of Canada that does not have a local police force or has fewer than 10 physicians per 10,000 population

"young person" means a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, between the ages of 19 and 29, living in Canada

**PURPOSE OF ACT**

2. The purpose of this Act is to protect the health and welfare of Canadians by providing:

(a) a reliable supply of non-professional labour for medical and protection services throughout Canada, especially in areas without enough professional help; and



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(b) a chance for young people to get work experience while learning how essential services work.

HER MAJESTY

3. The Queen will accept this Act as law.

### GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

4. The House of Commons wants all Canadians to have essential services.

This law creates a Job Corps, responsible to the Minister. Every young person in Canada will participate in the Job Corps.

Every person serving in the Job Corps will spend two (2) weeks per year working in an essential service.

A person begins serving in the Job Corps after turning 19. He or she works for two (2) weeks per year for each of the next ten (10) years.

Three months before a birthday, a person can tell the local Job Corps office that he or she wants to spend his or her two (2) weeks that year doing a certain type of work. The office will try to satisfy the request.

If the person does not make a choice, the Job Corps office will tell him or her how to spend the two (2) weeks of service.

A young person will usually work for the Job Corps near home, but can choose to go to an area that may not have enough young people to help.

If there is sickness in the family, or if a family is going through hard times, the Minister may excuse a young person from service in the Job Corps.

Employers must allow people to serve in the Job Corps. They may not penalize people in any way, whether it is by paying them less, making them work extra hours, or keeping them from getting a better job.

### IN FORCE

5. This Act will go into effect three months after it receives Royal Assent.

