

Insurance Brokers Commend Parliamentarians for Protecting Canadian Consumers

Bill C-74 maintains the separation between banking and insurance until 2023

July 16, 2018 – The Insurance Brokers Association of Canada (IBAC) wishes to thank Parliamentarians for their important work on Bill C-74, which recently received Royal Assent. This legislation stipulates that no further review of the *Bank Act* will occur until 2023 and ensures that Canadians continue to have access to expert, impartial advice when purchasing insurance coverage.

“As Canada updates and modernizes its financial sector framework, we must take care to maintain the integrity of our system and ensure that Canadian consumers stay protected,” said Peter Braid, IBAC CEO. “By upholding our position that insurance should not be sold at the point of granting credit, the government has demonstrated their commitment to consumer protection and safeguarded the interests of insurance consumers for the next five years.”

As the government prepares to develop regulations for the fintech sector, the historical separation between banking and insurance must continue to be preserved. It will also be important to guard against unintended consequences that could weaken consumer protection and privacy. “IBAC and its members have always been supporters of financial technology and innovation,” said Braid. “But our first priority has always been, and will continue to be, a consumer-focused regulatory system. We welcome the government’s decision to extend consumer protection measures until at least 2023, and will continue to remain vigilant on fintech regulations and related issues such as open banking and privacy legislation.”

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