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**Bill No. 103** 

## CITY OF HAMILTON BY-LAW NO. 07-103

To Authorize the Assessment Review Board to exercise certain powers and functions of Council with respect to Compassionate Tax Appeals due to Sickness or Extreme Poverty

**WHEREAS** on June 23, 1987, the Council of the City of Hamilton passed and enacted By-law 87-191, being a By-law to Provide for exercise by the Assessment Review Board of the functions of Council in respect of applications made under section 496(1), subsections (7), (12) and (22) of the *Municipal Act*, 1980 for the cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 496, subsections (1), (7), (12) and (22) of the *Municipal Act*, 1980 became Subsection 357 (1), paragraphs (a) to (g) inclusive of the *Municipal Act*, 2001;

**AND WHEREAS** Council is authorized to delegate the exercise of powers and functions set out in the said subsection 357(1) to the Assessment Review Board;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the City of Hamilton wishes to restrict the scope of the delegation of authority set out in the said By-law 87 – 191:

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

- 1. The Assessment review Board shall only exercise the power and function of Council under section 357 (1) (d1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* in respect of an application for the cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes where the applicant is unable to pay taxes because of sickness or extreme poverty.
- 2. By-law 87 191 is hereby repealed.

This By-law shall come into force and take effect as of January 1, 2007

PASSED and ENACTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

Fred Eisenberger

Mayor

Kevin C. Christenson

City Clerk