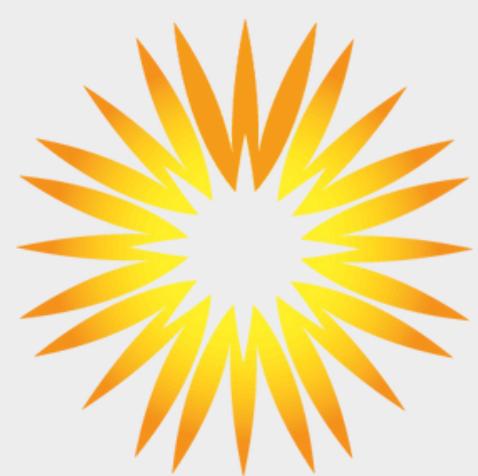


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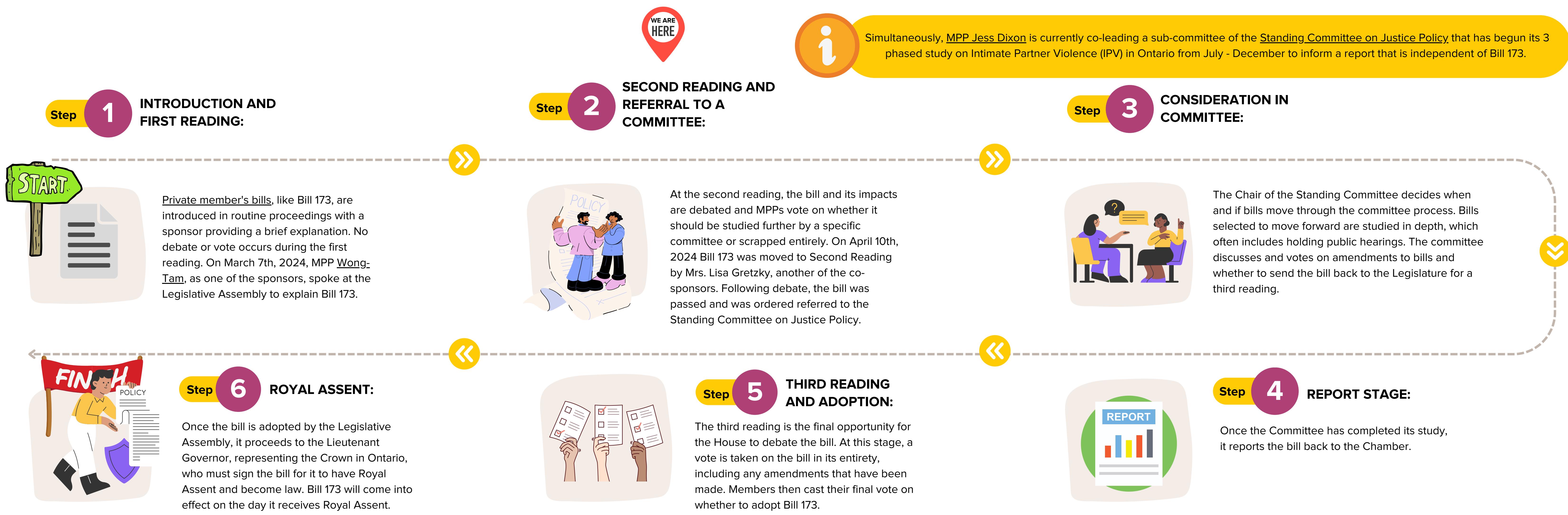
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THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

A piece of legislation refers to a written law that provides rules of conduct. In order to become a law, legislation has to be approved by Parliament. For Bill 173 to become law, it needs to pass through Ontario's legislative process that includes the Legislative Assembly (Elected MPPs) and the Monarch (Head of State, represented by the Lieutenant Governor in Ontario).



WHAT COMES NEXT AND WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

Declaring IPV an epidemic in Ontario cannot be a symbolic legislative move alone. The declaration must be accompanied by provincial commitments to comprehensive actions that go beyond legislation. This includes potential new pieces of legislation, regulatory changes to existing laws, policy directives, new provincial programs or services, and budget measures. These efforts should be informed by the combined research and advocacy from the VAW sector, subject matter experts, survivors, and academics to ensure sustainable, wrap-around support for victims of IPV. While regulations are one tool among many, they are crucial in translating legislative intentions into actionable, enforceable measures. However, the work to end IPV will not conclude once Bill 173 receives Royal Assent. It will require our continued advocacy to push implementation of evidence-based policy recommendations outlined in various resources, including the ["The Current State of Intimate Partner Violence in Ontario - Bill 173 Research and Resources."](#)

To learn more about how a Bill becomes law in Ontario please visit the Legislative Assembly of Ontario's [website](#).