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## CHAPTER 172

Foreign Cultural Objects Immunity  
from Seizure Act

1.—(1) When any work of art or other object of cultural significance from a foreign country is brought into Ontario pursuant to an agreement between the foreign owner or custodian thereof and the Government of Ontario or any cultural or educational institution in Ontario providing for the temporary exhibition or display thereof in Ontario administered, operated or sponsored, without profit, by the Government of Ontario or any such cultural or educational institution, no proceeding shall be taken in any court and no judgment, decree or order shall be enforced in Ontario for the purpose or having the effect of depriving the Government of Ontario or such institution, or any carrier engaged in transporting such work or object within Ontario, of custody or control of such work or object if, before such work or object is brought into Ontario, the Lieutenant Governor in Council determines by order in council that such work or object is of cultural significance and that the temporary exhibition or display thereof in Ontario is in the interest of the people of Ontario and such order in council has been published in *The Ontario Gazette*.

(2) Subsection (1) does not preclude any judicial action for or in aid of the enforcement of the terms of any such agreement or the enforcement of the obligation of any carrier under any contract for the transportation of any such work or object or the fulfilment of any obligation assumed by the Government of Ontario or such institution pursuant to any such agreement. 1978, c. 75, s. 1.

Immunity of certain foreign cultural objects from seizure while in Ontario

Subs. (1) not to preclude enforcement of agreements, etc.

