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#### **STATUTES**

The Canadian statutes relating to intellectual property are the *Patent Act*, the *Copyright Act*, the *Trade-marks Act*, the *Industrial Design Act*, and the *Plant Breeders' Rights Act*. Copies are available from any bookstore that sells federal government publications or from the address listed below. In addition, an act that would address integrated circuit topography is currently under consideration.

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For legal background on protection of intellectual property in Canada, you may wish to consult the following, all by Harold G. Fox: *The Canadian Law of Copyright and Industrial Designs*, 2nd edition, Toronto: Carswell, 1969; *The Canadian Law of Trade-marks and Unfair Competition*, 3rd edition, Toronto: Carswell, 1972; and *Fox Patent Cases*, Toronto: Carswell, 1941-1971.