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Bill 129 (1996, chapter 8)

An Act to amend the Act respecting lotteries, publicity contests and amusement machines in respect of international cruise ships

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends the Act respecting lotteries, publicity contests and amusement machines to provide that the said Act does not apply to the operation of lottery schemes on international cruise ships.

However, the bill enables the Government to make regulations to establish a permit system and rules of operation for cruise ship lotteries.

These amendments will take effect on the date to be fixed by the Government, which cannot be prior to the date of coming into force of the legislation amending the Criminal Code to allow the operation of lotteries on international cruise ships.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- **1.** The Act respecting lotteries, publicity contests and amusement machines (R.S.Q., chapter L-6) is amended by inserting, after section 136.1, the following section:
- "136.2 This Act does not apply to the operation of lottery schemes on international cruise ships other than ships engaged in the coasting trade within the meaning of the Coasting Trade Act (Statutes of Canada, 1992, chapter 31).

However, the Government may, by regulation, subject such activity to a permit system and to rules governing the practice of such activity. Where such is the case, the penal provisions of sections 121 and 123 apply, with the necessary modifications."

2. This Act comes into force on the date to be fixed by the Government, which shall not be prior to the date of coming into force of the legislation amending the Criminal Code (Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985, chapter C-46) in order to permit the operation of lotteries on international cruise ships.