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Bill 199 (1999, chapter 81)

An Act respecting animal breeds forming part of Québec's agricultural heritage

Introduced 2 December 1999 Passage in principle 9 December 1999 Passage 15 December 1999 Assented to 16 December 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of this bill is to declare that certain animal breeds associated with the historical origins and agricultural traditions of Québec form part of Québec's agricultural heritage and may each be designated as a "Québec heritage breed".

Bill 199

AN ACT RESPECTING ANIMAL BREEDS FORMING PART OF QUÉBEC'S AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is appropriate that certain breeds of animals closely associated with the historical origins and agricultural traditions of Québec be officially declared to form part of Québec's agricultural heritage;

WHEREAS there is reason to recognize and pay tribute to the perseverance and determination of the breeders who over the years have worked to preserve these breeds of animals;

WHEREAS more extensive breeding, and continued improvement in the quality of this unique agricultural heritage, must be encouraged so that these breeds of animals peculiar to Québec may become more widely known and better appreciated;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The following breeds of animals are declared to form part of the agricultural heritage of Québec and may each be designated as a "Québec heritage breed":
 - (1) the breed of horse known as the "Canadian Horse";
 - (2) the breed of cattle known as the "Canadian Cow";
 - (3) the breed of poultry known as "Poule Chantecler".
- 2. The Minister shall see that the content of this Act is publicized and disseminated to the farming community.
- 3. The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is responsible for the administration of this Act.
- 4. This Act comes into force on 16 December 1999.