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Bill 21

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An Act to amend the Highway Safety Code

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends the Highway Safety Code to authorize the person responsible for the maintenance of a public highway to set a rate of speed in a roadwork area that differs from the prescribed rate of speed, and to provide related fines.

The bill introduces an amendment authorizing the driver of a service vehicle to travel on the shoulder of a public highway, including a limited access highway, during construction or maintenance work.

Lastly, the bill introduces amendments to prohibit the use of motorized scooters on public highways.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS :

1. Section 14 of the Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., chapter C-24.2) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end :

“(6) a motorized scooter.”

2. Section 288 of the said Code is amended by replacing “a non-motorized scooter” in the first line of the second paragraph by “a scooter other than a motorized scooter”.

3. Section 303 of the said Code is amended by striking out “or a rate of speed other than the prescribed rate of speed to be respected” in the fifth and sixth lines.

4. The said Code is amended by inserting the following sections after section 303 :

“303.1. During construction or maintenance work, the person responsible for the maintenance of a public highway may, for the duration of the work, erect signs or signals in conformity with the standards laid down by the Minister of Transport to indicate a rate of speed other than the prescribed rate of speed to be respected.

The decision to change a rate of speed must be entered in a register kept by the person responsible for the maintenance of the public highway with an indication of the location where the rate of speed is prescribed and the duration of the work.

“303.2. No person may travel at a rate of speed exceeding the limit indicated on the signs or signals erected under section 303.1.”

5. Section 319 of the said Code is amended by replacing “a non-motorized scooter” in the first line of the second paragraph by “a scooter other than a motorized scooter”.

6. The said Code is amended by inserting the following section after section 418 :

“418.1. Notwithstanding the prohibitions under sections 416 and 418, the driver of a vehicle used in the maintenance of a public highway may, during construction or maintenance work, travel or back up on the shoulder of a public highway, including a limited access highway, and on the entrance and exit ramps of a limited access highway.”

7. Section 421.1 of the said Code is amended by inserting “a motorized scooter and” after “except” in the first line of the second paragraph.

8. Section 516 of the said Code is amended by replacing “section 328” in the second line by “section 303.2 or 328”.

9. This Act comes into force on 21 June 2001.