

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Bill 7 (2001, chapter 54)

An Act to amend the Act respecting roads

Introduced 15 May 2001 Passage in principle 7 June 2001 Passage 19 December 2001 Assented to 20 December 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The object of this bill is to authorize the Government to entrust the management of certain bridges to the Minister of Transport because of the strategic location of the bridges in the road network. It also provides that municipalities remain responsible for the maintenance of the traffic lanes of such bridges.

The bill authorizes the Minister to enter into agreements with native communities enabling them to carry out building, rebuilding or maintenance work on a road at the expense of the Government.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 2 of the Act respecting roads (R.S.Q., chapter V-9) is amended by adding the following paragraph:

"The Government may, by an order published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, recognize certain bridges as strategic; the management of such bridges is under the responsibility of the Minister."

2. Section 16 of the said Act is amended by adding the following paragraph:

"Municipalities shall also remain responsible for such maintenance in respect of bridges recognized as strategic by the Government under section 2."

- **3.** The said Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 32:
- "**32.1.** The Minister may, in accordance with the applicable legislative provisions, enter into an agreement with a native community represented by its band council within the meaning of the Indian Act (Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985, chapter I-5) or the Cree-Naskapi (of Québec) Act (Statutes of Canada, 1984, chapter 18), providing for the carrying out, by the native community, of building, rebuilding or maintenance work on a road at the expense of the Government."
- **4.** This Act comes into force on 20 December 2001.