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Bill 24
(2022, chapter 4)

**An Act to amend the Act respecting
the Québec correctional system to
provide for the power to require that
an offender be connected to a device
that allows the offender's
whereabouts to be known**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this Act is to expressly provide, in the Act respecting the Québec correctional system, for the cases where, for public security reasons, it may be required that an offender be connected to a device that allows the offender's whereabouts to be known, in particular an anti-approach bracelet to increase the safety of a person who is a victim.

More precisely, the Act allows the correctional services to require that an offender in respect of whom they exercise community supervision be connected to such a device as a control intervention to ensure compliance with the conditions imposed on the offender. The director of a correctional facility may also require this as a condition attached to a temporary absence for reintegration purposes that the director grants to the person. Lastly, the Commission québécoise des libérations conditionnelles may require it as a condition attached to a temporary absence or conditional release that the Commission grants to the person.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Act respecting the Québec correctional system (chapter S-40.1).

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** Section 26 of the Act respecting the Québec correctional system (chapter S-40.1) is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph: “For that purpose, where a condition such as refraining from communicating with a person or from entering or leaving a place or geographical area is attached to a measure referred to in the first paragraph of section 25, the correctional services may, in particular, require that the person be connected to a device that allows the person’s whereabouts to be known for public security reasons, such as an anti-approach bracelet to increase the safety of a person who is a victim.”
- 2.** Section 55 of the Act is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph: “As a condition, the facility director may, in particular, require that the person be connected to a device that allows the person’s whereabouts to be known for public security reasons, such as an anti-approach bracelet to increase the safety of a person who is a victim.”
- 3.** Section 119 of the Act is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph: “As a condition that may be attached to any of those measures, the parole board may, in particular, require that such a person be connected to a device that allows the person’s whereabouts to be known for public security reasons, such as an anti-approach bracelet to increase the safety of a person who is a victim.”
- 4.** The Minister of Public Security must, not later than 10 May 2024, report to the Government on the application of the provisions of this Act.

The report must be tabled in the National Assembly within 30 days or, if the Assembly is not sitting, within 30 days of resumption.
- 5.** This Act comes into force on 18 March 2022.

