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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 28  
(2023, chapter 26)

**An Act to amend the Act respecting  
the marketing of agricultural, food  
and fish products and the Farm  
Producers Act**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*This Act amends the Act respecting the marketing of agricultural, food and fish products to specify that the amount of the contribution required to cover the costs relating to the duties and obligations deriving from an association's certification or its membership in a coordination and development chamber may be calculated according to certain criteria, including the volume of the product marketed and the area under cultivation or operation. It also provides for the power to fix the rate of interest required where the payment of the contribution is late.*

*The Act also amends the Farm Producers Act to provide that the amount of the annual assessment exigible from a producer to cover the expenses of the association certified under that Act may be fixed or variable. The Act also grants the certified association the power to establish, by by-law, categories of producers for fixing the assessment.*

*Lastly, the Act makes a consequential amendment.*

## **LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:**

- Act respecting the marketing of agricultural, food and fish products (chapter M-35.1);
- Farm Producers Act (chapter P-28).

## **Bill 28**

### **AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT RESPECTING THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL, FOOD AND FISH PRODUCTS AND THE FARM PRODUCERS ACT**

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

ACT RESPECTING THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL, FOOD  
AND FISH PRODUCTS

**1.** Section 133 of the Act respecting the marketing of agricultural, food and fish products (chapter M-35.1) is amended by adding the following sentences at the end of the first paragraph: “The amount of the contribution may be calculated according to the volume of the product marketed, the area under cultivation or operation or other equivalent criteria accepted by the Régie. The by-law may also fix the rate of interest required where the payment of the contribution is late.”

FARM PRODUCERS ACT

**2.** Section 31 of the Farm Producers Act (chapter P-28) is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“The by-law shall determine an annual assessment, in a fixed or variable amount, exigible from each producer by the certified association. It may also establish, for fixing the assessment, categories of producers.”

**3.** Section 35 of the Act is amended by striking out “assessments or”.

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**4.** This Act comes into force on 9 November 2023.

