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#### **PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC**

#### **1ST SESSION**

#### 43RD LEGISLATURE

QUÉBEC, 28 FEBRUARY 2025

#### Office of the Lieutenant-Governor

Québec, 28 February 2025

This day, at ten o'clock in the morning, Her Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to assent to the following bills:

- 87 An Act respecting mainly the development and enhancement of industrial land and the governance of the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour
- 90 An Act to recognize ice hockey as the national sport of Québec and concerning national cultural references

To these bills the Royal assent was affixed by Her Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 87 (2025, chapter 2)

An Act respecting mainly the development and enhancement of industrial land and the governance of the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour

**Introduced 6 December 2024** Passed in principle 30 January 2025 Passed 27 February 2025 Assented to 28 February 2025

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

This Act amends the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation to allow the Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy, with the authorization of the Government and subject to the conditions the latter determines, to acquire any immovable and to lease or alienate an immovable the Minister has acquired where doing so is useful for the carrying out of projects. The Minister is also allowed, on the same conditions, to perform construction, maintenance, development or enhancement work on any immovable. The Act further provides that the estimate or negotiation for the acquisition of immovables by mutual agreement by the Minister is to be conducted without the intervention of the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility or of the Société québécoise des infrastructures.

Adjustments to the governance of the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour are proposed, in particular as regards the composition of the Société's board of directors and the rules governing conflicts of interest and the delegation of signing authority. The Société is also given the responsibility of ensuring that, as of the year 2035, a proportion of at least 15% of the surface area of the immovables owned by the Société and situated within its territory of activity is dedicated to natural areas.

The territory of activity of the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour is also modified, mainly to include within that territory an immovable already under the management of the Société, the ownership of which is transferred to the Société by this Act. The Act grants the Société various powers, among which

(1) the power to acquire, with the authorization of the Government, any immovable or any real right in an immovable in respect of which the municipal by-laws allow an industrial use and that is situated outside its territory of activity but within Ville de Bécancour, where that immovable is contiguous to an immovable situated within its territory of activity and the Société considers that such an acquisition would foster the economic development of Québec;

(2) the power to assume, in whole or in part, the costs of infrastructure projects carried out by public bodies in the territory of Ville de Bécancour, to the extent that the projects contribute to the carrying out of the mission of the Société; and

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(3) the power to exercise, on certain conditions, a pre-emptive right on any immovable within the Société's territory of activity.

The Act also provides for a set of rules governing the establishment and acquisition of subsidiaries by the Société. The Act specifies the powers conferred on those subsidiaries and the limits that apply to those powers.

Lastly, the Act contains consequential, transitional and final provisions.

#### LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Cities and Towns Act (chapter C-19);

– Municipal Code (chapter C-27.1);

 Act respecting the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation (chapter M-14.1);

- Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec (chapter S-8);

 Act respecting the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour (chapter S-16.001);

– Act respecting public transit authorities (chapter S-30.01).

#### **REGULATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:**

- Regulation respecting government contracts for the acquisition of immovable property (chapter C-65.1, r. 6).

#### ORDER IN COUNCIL REPEALED BY THIS ACT:

– Order in Council 1162-2023 dated 12 July 2023 (French only) concerning the management by the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour of the industrial immovable designated as lot 3 530 188 of the cadastre of Québec, registration division of Nicolet (Nicolet 2).

## **Bill 87**

#### AN ACT RESPECTING MAINLY THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AND THE GOVERNANCE OF THE SOCIÉTÉ DU PARC INDUSTRIEL ET PORTUAIRE DE BÉCANCOUR

#### THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

#### CHAPTER I

#### ACQUISITION AND ENHANCEMENT OF IMMOVABLES

## ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉCONOMIE ET DE L'INNOVATION

**1.** Section 4 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation (chapter M-14.1) is amended

(1) by replacing "to that end, take" in the second paragraph by "for the purpose of carrying out his or her mission, take";

(2) by inserting the following paragraph after the second paragraph:

"The Minister may also, for the same purpose, with the authorization of the Government and subject to the conditions the Government determines,

(1) acquire any immovable and lease or alienate an immovable the Minister has acquired where doing so is useful for the carrying out of projects; and

(2) perform construction, maintenance, development and enhancement work on any immovable where the work is useful for the carrying out of projects."

#### REGULATION RESPECTING GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

**2.** Section 4 of the Regulation respecting government contracts for the acquisition of immovable property (chapter C-65.1, r. 6) is amended by inserting "to the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation for the acquisition of immovables where useful for the carrying out of projects under section 4 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation (chapter M-14.1)" after "(chapter M-14)," in the third paragraph.

#### CHAPTER II

SOCIÉTÉ DU PARC INDUSTRIEL ET PORTUAIRE DE BÉCANCOUR

#### **DIVISION I**

#### GOVERNANCE AND POWERS OF THE SOCIÉTÉ

#### ACT RESPECTING THE SOCIÉTÉ DU PARC INDUSTRIEL ET PORTUAIRE DE BÉCANCOUR

**3.** Section 5 of the Act respecting the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour (chapter S-16.001) is amended by replacing "respectively by the Minister and the Minister of Transport" in the second paragraph by "by the Minister, one of whom after consulting Ville de Bécancour".

**4.** Section 9 of the Act is amended by replacing "constitutes a quorum at meetings of the board of directors" by "of the board of directors, including the chairman of the board or the president and chief executive officer, constitutes a quorum at board meetings" at the end.

**5.** Section 15 of the Act is amended by striking out "chairman of the board, the president and chief executive officer and the" in the first paragraph.

6. Section 17 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "legal person or the partnership that is controlled by" in the third paragraph by "subsidiaries of";

(2) by striking out the fourth and fifth paragraphs.

7. Section 20 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

**"20.** No document binds the Société or may be attributed to it unless it is signed by the chairman of the board of directors, by the president and chief executive officer or by an employee of the Société, and in the latter case, only to the extent determined in the Société's internal management by-laws.

Those by-laws may provide for subdelegation of the power to sign documents, and determine particulars as to how it is to be exercised.

Unless otherwise provided in the internal management by-laws, a signature may be affixed on a document by any means.

By-laws made under this section are published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*."

**9.** The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 21:

**"21.1.** As part of its mission, the Société must ensure that, as of the year 2035, a proportion of at least 15% of the surface area of the immovables owned by the Société and situated within its territory of activity is dedicated to natural areas.

Immovables transferred by the Société after 28 February 2025 are, for the purposes of the first paragraph, presumed to be owned by the Société.

The Société indicates in its annual management report the percentage of the surface area referred to in the first paragraph that is dedicated to natural areas."

**10.** Section 22 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

"The Société may also acquire by agreement, with the authorization of the Government, any immovable referred to in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph in respect of which the municipal by-laws allow an industrial use and that is contiguous to an immovable within the Société's territory of activity or that would be contiguous to such an immovable were it not separated from it by a public road or a watercourse, or any real right in such an immovable, where the Société considers that such an acquisition would foster the economic development of Québec.

Any acquisition made under the second paragraph operates to amend Schedule I accordingly. The Société publishes in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* the amended Schedule identifying the immovable concerned by the acquisition."

**II.** The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 22:

**"22.1.** The Société may assume, in whole or in part, the costs related to an infrastructure project carried out by a public body within the meaning of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1) in the territory of Ville de Bécancour, to the extent that the project contributes to the carrying out of the mission of the Société.

**"22.2.** The Société may, with the Minister's authorization, allow the public services it offers to be made available to an immovable belonging to a public body within the meaning of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1) where that immovable is situated outside the Société's territory of activity, but within the territory of Ville de Bécancour, and is contiguous to an immovable

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situated within the Société's territory of activity or would be contiguous to such an immovable were it not separated from it by a public road or a watercourse."

**12.** Section 24 of the Act is amended

(1) by striking out the last sentence of the second paragraph;

(2) by adding the following sentence at the end of the third paragraph: "If such is the case, the Government may determine the territory within which the mandate must be carried out."

**13.** The Act is amended by inserting the following chapters after section 24:

#### **"CHAPTER II.1**

#### "PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHT

**"24.1.** The Société may, in its territory of activity, exercise a pre-emptive right to acquire any immovable, excluding immovables owned by a public body within the meaning of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1).

That right may only be exercised to acquire an immovable the Société deems necessary for the development and operation of its territory of activity and in respect of which a notice of the Société's pre-emptive right has been registered. The right is exercised subject to the pre-emptive right provided for in section 572.0.1 of the Cities and Towns Act (chapter C-19), section 1104.1.1 of the Municipal Code of Québec (chapter C-27.1), section 56 of the Cultural Heritage Act (chapter P-9.002), sections 68.3 and 68.17 of the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec (chapter S-8) and section 92.0.1 of the Act respecting public transit authorities (chapter S-30.01).

**"24.2.** The notice of the Société's pre-emptive right must identify the immovable concerned and describe the purposes for which it may be acquired.

The notice must be notified to the owner of the immovable and takes effect on being registered in the land register. It is valid for the period specified in the notice, which may not exceed 10 years.

The Société may not have a notice of pre-emptive right registered in respect of an immovable that is already the subject of such a notice registered by a municipal body under the Cities and Towns Act (chapter C-19), the Municipal Code of Québec (chapter C-27.1) or the Act respecting public transit authorities (chapter S-30.01) or by the Société d'habitation du Québec.

For the purposes of this section, a municipal body is a municipality, an intermunicipal management board or a public transit authority.

**"24.3.** The owner of an immovable in respect of which a notice of the Société's pre-emptive right has been issued may not, on pain of nullity, alienate the immovable if the owner has not notified a notice of intention to the Société.

The owner's notice must state the price of the proposed alienation, the conditions to which it is subject, and the name of the person who intends to acquire the immovable. If the immovable is to be alienated, in whole or in part, for non-monetary consideration, the notice must include a reliable and objective estimate of the value of that consideration.

The first and second paragraphs do not apply to an alienation made for the benefit of a person related to the owner within the meaning of the Taxation Act (chapter I-3) or for the benefit of a public body within the meaning of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1).

**"24.4.** The Société may, not later than 60 days following notification of the notice of intention to alienate, notify a notice to the owner of its intention to exercise its pre-emptive right and to acquire the immovable at the price and on the conditions stated in the notice of intention to alienate, subject to any modifications subsequently agreed on with the owner. If the notice of intention to alienate contains an estimate of the value of a non-monetary consideration, the price must be increased by an equal amount.

The Société may, during that period, require from the owner any information allowing it to assess the condition of the immovable. It may also, after giving 48 hours' prior notice, access the immovable to conduct, at its own expense, any study or analysis it considers useful.

If the Société does not notify the notice provided for in the first paragraph to the owner within that 60-day period, it is deemed to have waived its pre-emptive right.

If the Société waives its pre-emptive right and the proposed alienation occurs, it must have the notice of its pre-emptive right removed from the land register.

**"24.5.** If the Société exercises its pre-emptive right, it must pay the price of the immovable within 60 days after notifying the notice of its intention to acquire the immovable. If the Société cannot pay the amount to the owner, it may deposit it, on the owner's behalf, at the office of the Superior Court.

Sections 133 to 135, 138 and 139 of the Act respecting expropriation (chapter E-25) apply, with the necessary modifications.

In the absence of a notarial contract, the Société becomes the owner of the immovable by registering a notice of transfer of ownership in the land register; the notice must include a description of the immovable, the price and conditions of its acquisition, and the date on which the Société will take possession of the immovable.

The notice of transfer must be served on the owner at least 30 days before it is registered in the land register.

To be registered, the notice must be accompanied by documents confirming that the amount has been paid to the owner or deposited at the office of the Superior Court and proof that the notice has been served on the owner.

**"24.6.** If the Société avails itself of its pre-emptive right, it must compensate the person who intended to acquire the immovable for reasonable expenses incurred during negotiation of the price and conditions of the proposed alienation.

#### **"CHAPTER II.2**

#### "SUBSIDIARIES

**"24.7.** The Société may, with the authorization of the Government, acquire or establish any subsidiary that may be useful in carrying out its mission.

The object of a subsidiary of the Société must be limited to carrying on activities that the Société may itself carry on.

Unless otherwise provided in this Act, a subsidiary has the same powers as the Société in carrying on its activities, except for the power of expropriation provided for in the second paragraph of section 22, the pre-emptive right provided for in section 24.1 and the power to make an agreement with Ville de Bécancour for the purposes provided for in sections 29 to 31.1.

**"24.8.** For the purposes of this Act, a legal person or partnership controlled by the Société is a subsidiary of the Société.

A legal person is controlled by the Société when the Société holds, directly or through legal persons it controls, more than 50% of the voting rights attached to the equity securities of the legal person or is in a position to elect a majority of its directors.

A partnership is controlled by the Société when the Société holds, directly or through legal persons it controls, more than 50% of the equity securities. However, a limited partnership is controlled by the Société when the Société or a legal person the Société controls is a general partner of the partnership.

**"24.9.** The provisions of section 4 apply, with the necessary modifications, to those subsidiaries of the Société in which the Société holds, directly or through legal persons it controls, all the voting rights attached to the equity securities.

The Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1) applies to those subsidiaries of the Société."

**14.** Section 25 of the Act is amended, in the first paragraph,

(1) by inserting "or one of its subsidiaries" after "Société" in subparagraph 1;

(2) by inserting "or one of its subsidiaries" after "Société" in subparagraphs 2 and 3.

**15.** Section 26 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

"The Government may determine that a provision of the first paragraph applies to all the Société's subsidiaries or to only one of them.

However, the authorization of the Government is not required in respect of transactions between the Société and its subsidiaries or between subsidiaries."

**16.** Section 27 of the Act is amended by replacing "the functions entrusted to it by law" in the first paragraph by "its activities under this Act".

**17.** The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 31:

**"31.1.** The Société may make an agreement with Ville de Bécancour to exclude from the Société's territory of activity one or more immovables for which the Société offers no municipal services.

Ville de Bécancour may also make such an agreement.

Any exclusion made under such an agreement approved in accordance with section 32 operates to amend Schedule I accordingly. The Société publishes in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* the amended schedule identifying the excluded immovables."

**18.** Section 36 of the Act is amended by inserting "and be accompanied by the separate financial statements of each of the Société's subsidiaries" at the end of the second paragraph.

**19.** Section 37 of the Act is amended by inserting "of the Société as well as the separate financial statements of each of the Société's subsidiaries" after "report".

**20.** Section 41 of the Act is amended by inserting "and those of its subsidiaries" at the end.

**21.** Schedule I to the Act is replaced by the following schedule:

#### "SCHEDULE I

(Section 21)

#### TERRITORY OF ACTIVITY OF THE SOCIÉTÉ

The territory comprised in the territory of Ville de Bécancour, within which the Société carries out its mission, includes:

(1) all the lots or parts of lots of the cadastre of Québec comprised within the perimeter starting from the point situated at the intersection of lots 3 294 083 and 3 294 086 and the Fleuve Saint-Laurent; thence, in a southeasterly direction to the northwestern line of the right-of-way of lot 3 540 448 (Autoroute 30) and bounded to the northeast by the part of lot 3 294 086 described in subparagraph 2 and by lot 3 294 102; thence in an easterly direction along the northwestern line of the right-of-way of lots 3 540 448 and 3 540 447 (Autoroute 30) to the centre of the Rivière Gentilly; thence southerly along the centre of the Rivière Gentilly to the southwestern branch of the Rivière Gentilly; thence southwesterly along the centre of the southwestern branch of the Rivière Gentilly to the southeastern limit of lot 3 294 550; thence southwesterly and following the centre of the Rivière de Grand-Saint-Louis to the southwestern limit of lot 3 295 082; thence in a northwesterly direction to the southeastern limit of lot 3 294 469 and bounded to the southwest by lots 3 295 083, 3 294 480 and 3 294 479 and across lot 3 416 982 following the same direction; thence in a southwesterly direction and bounded to the southeast by lot 3 294 479; thence in a northwesterly direction to the northwestern line of the right-of-way of lot 5 991 590 (Chemin Louis-Riel) and bounded to the southwest by lots 3 294 479, 3 294 485, 3 294 486, 3 294 487, 3 294 488, 5 068 804 and 6 459 050 and across lots 3 294 467 and 5 991 590 (Chemin Louis-Riel) following the same direction; thence in a northeasterly direction along the northwestern line of the right-of-way of lot 5 991 590 (Chemin Louis-Riel) and bounded to the northwest by lots 3 294 588, 3 294 604, 3 294 587, 3 294 589, 3 544 463, 3 294 603 and 3 294 602; thence in a northwesterly direction to the northwestern line of the right-of-way of lot 3 295 200 (Rue Desormeaux) and bounded to the southwest by lots 3 294 602, 6 507 485, 6 507 483, 3 417 073, 3 535 673 and 3 295 200; thence in a southwesterly direction along the northwestern line of the right-of-way of lot 3 295 200 (Rue Desormeaux) and bounded to the northwest by lots 3 294 848, 3 416 872, 3 294 890 and 3 294 892; thence in a northwesterly direction to the southeastern limit of lot 3 293 752 and bounded to the southwest by lots 3 294 884, 3 293 623, 3 293 606 and 3 293 609 and across lots 3 417 055 (Autoroute 30), 6 008 489, 3 295 196 (Avenue Nicolas-Perrot) and 3 293 947 following the same direction; thence in a southwesterly direction to the southwestern limit of lot 3 293 732 and bounded to the southeast by the Rivière Bécancour and by lots 3 293 961, 3 293 951 and 3 293 950; thence in a northwesterly direction to the centre of the Fleuve Saint-Laurent and bounded to the southwest by lots 3 293 738, 3 293 736 and 3 293 407 and across

lot 3 295 206 (Boulevard Bécancour) following the same direction; thence northeasterly following the centre of the Fleuve Saint-Laurent to the meeting point of the extension of the northeastern limit of the part of lot 3 294 086 described in subparagraph 2; thence in a southeasterly direction along the extension of the northeastern limit of the part of lot 3 294 086 described in subparagraph 2 to the northwestern limit of that lot; thence in a southwesterly direction to the starting point and bounded to the south by the part of lot 3 294 086 described in subparagraph 2;

(2) the part of lot 3 294 086 of the cadastre of Québec comprised within the perimeter starting from the point situated at the intersection of lots 3 294 083 and 3 294 086 and the Fleuve Saint-Laurent; thence in a northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 800 metres and bounded to the northwest by the Fleuve Saint-Laurent, to the northeast by the residual part of lot 3 294 086, to the southeast by lot 3 294 102 and to the southwest by lot 3 294 083; and

(3) lot 3 540 188 of the cadastre of Québec.

It also includes the following lots and parts of lots concerned by an acquisition made under the second paragraph of section 22 of the Act respecting the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour (chapter S-16.001):".

#### DIVISION II

## AMENDING PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE EXERCISE OF A PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHT

#### CITIES AND TOWNS ACT

**22.** Section 572.0.3 of the Cities and Towns Act (chapter C-19) is amended by replacing ". In such a case, the municipality shall inform the Société d'habitation du Québec" in the fourth paragraph by "or by the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour under the Act respecting the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour (chapter S-16.001). In such a case, the municipality shall inform the Société concerned".

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**23.** Article 1104.1.3 of the Municipal Code of Québec (chapter C-27.1) is amended by replacing ". In such a case, the municipality shall inform the Société d'habitation du Québec" in the fourth paragraph by "or by the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour under the Act respecting the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour (chapter S-16.001). In such a case, the municipality shall inform the Société concerned".

#### ACT RESPECTING THE SOCIÉTÉ D'HABITATION DU QUÉBEC

**24.** Section 68.18 of the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec (chapter S-8) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after the third paragraph:

"A notice of pre-emptive right may, however, be registered in respect of an immovable that was the subject of such a notice registered by the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour under the Act respecting the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour (chapter S-16.001). In such a case, the Société informs the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour, which then causes the notice to be removed from the land register. The Société reimburses the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour for the expenses incurred with respect to the notice."

#### ACT RESPECTING PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITIES

**25.** Section 92.0.3 of the Act respecting public transit authorities (chapter S-30.01) is amended by replacing ". In such a case, the transit authority shall inform the Société d'habitation du Québec" in the fourth paragraph by "or by the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour under the Act respecting the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour (chapter S-16.001). In such a case, the transit authority shall inform, as the case may be, the Société d'habitation du Québec or the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour".

#### CHAPTER III

#### GENERAL, TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

**26.** The Government transfers to the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour, according to the value and on the conditions agreed upon in an agreement, the industrial immovable designated as lot 3 540 188 of the cadastre of Québec, registration division of Nicolet (Nicolet 2), covering an area of approximately 101.97 hectares, including the land and all the buildings and infrastructures erected on it, which immovable is under the management of the Société by virtue of a mandate entrusted by the Government by Order in Council 1162-2023 dated 12 July 2023 (French only).

The Act respecting duties on transfers of immovables (chapter D-15.1) does not apply to the transfer made under the first paragraph.

**27.** Order in Council 1162-2023 dated 12 July 2023 (French only) concerning the management by the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour of the industrial immovable designated as lot 3 530 188 of the cadastre of Québec, registration division of Nicolet (Nicolet 2), is repealed.

**28.** The provisions of section 11, insofar as they enact section 22.1 of the Act respecting the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour (chapter S-16.001), have effect from 1 January 2023.

**29.** The provisions of this Act come into force on 28 February 2025, except those of section 27, which come into force on the date determined by the Government.

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Part 2

970 ACTS



FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 90 (2025, chapter 3)

An Act to recognize ice hockey as the national sport of Québec and concerning national cultural references

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*This Act recognizes ice hockey as the national sport of Québec. It makes the first Saturday in February National Ice Hockey Day.* 

The Act amends the Cultural Heritage Act to include the notion of "national cultural reference". The Act defines the notion, specifying in particular that such a reference must be recognized by law. In addition, the Act gives the Minister the power to grant subsidies and enter into agreements to promote the knowledge or enhancement of national cultural references.

Lastly, the Act recognizes ice hockey as a national cultural reference.

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

- Cultural Heritage Act (chapter P-9.002).

## Bill 90

#### AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE ICE HOCKEY AS THE NATIONAL SPORT OF QUÉBEC AND CONCERNING NATIONAL CULTURAL REFERENCES

AS it was in Québec that modern ice hockey emerged in the 1870s and the first official game in the history of the sport was played on 3 March 1875;

AS modern ice hockey is a major Québec contribution to the world history of sport;

AS the prowess of ice hockey players from Québec or playing for its teams have made many generations of Quebecers proud;

AS ice hockey is an integral part of Québec culture given that it is the subject of many works, that it is reflected in traditions and customs and that many popular expressions refer to it;

AS it is expedient to assert the value of national cultural references that are part of the cultural heritage, strengthen ties between individuals in society and characterize the Québec cultural identity;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**I.** Ice hockey is the national sport of Québec.

It is a national cultural reference within the meaning of the Cultural Heritage Act (chapter P-9.002).

**2.** The first Saturday in February is National Ice Hockey Day.

AMENDING AND FINAL PROVISIONS

CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT

**3.** Section 1 of the Cultural Heritage Act (chapter P-9.002) is amended by replacing "and intangible heritage" in the third paragraph by "intangible heritage and national cultural references".

**4.** Section 2 of the Act is amended by inserting the following definition in alphabetical order:

""national cultural reference": an element of Québec culture forged in tradition that uniquely characterizes and evokes an aspect of the Québec cultural identity, is a touchstone widely shared by individuals in society and strengthens ties between them, and that is recognized as such by law;".

5. Section 78 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 5:

"(5.1) grant subsidies to promote the knowledge or enhancement of national cultural references;";

(2) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 7:

"(7.1) enter into agreements with any person or group to promote the knowledge or enhancement of national cultural references;".

6. This Act comes into force on 28 February 2025.

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Gouvernement du Québec

### O.C. 440-2025, 19 March 2025

COMING INTO FORCE of certain provisions of the Act to modernize the construction industry

WHEREAS, under section 98 of the Act to modernize the construction industry (2024, chapter 19), the provisions of the Act come into force on 28 May 2024, except in particular, as provided for in paragraph 5 of that section, paragraph 3 of section 67, section 68 and paragraph 2 of section 69, insofar as they provide that the guarantee of employment for not less than 150 hours is not required for a woman or a person who is representative of the diversity of Québec society, section 70, except subparagraph *b* of paragraph 1, sections 72 to 75, section 83, paragraph 2 of section 92 and section 93 of the Act, which come into force on the date or dates to be determined by the Government;

WHEREAS it is expedient to set 31 March 2025 as the date of coming into force of paragraph 3 of section 67 of the Act to modernize the construction industry and, insofar as it provides that the guarantee of employment for not less than 150 hours is not required for a woman or a person who is representative of the diversity of Québec society, paragraph 2 of section 69 of the Act;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour:

THAT 31 March 2025 be set as the date of coming into force of paragraph 3 of section 67 of the Act to modernize the construction industry (2024, chapter 19) and, insofar as it provides that the guarantee of employment for not less than 150 hours is not required for a woman or a person who is representative of the diversity of Québec society, paragraph 2 of section 69 of the Act.

DAVID BAHAN Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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#### DRAFT REGULATIONS

## **Draft Regulation**

Building Act (chapter B-1.1)

## Professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders

#### **Application of the Building Act**

#### -Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and ownerbuilders and the Regulation respecting the application of the Building Act, appearing below, may be approved by the Government with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation harmonizes the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders (chapter B-1.1, r. 9) with the Building Act (chapter B-1.1) following the amendments that were made to the Act, in particular as concerns the notions of officer and guarantor.

The draft Regulation also integrates the exemptions related to the qualification of contractors and ownerbuilders that are currently in the Regulation respecting the application of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1, r. 1) in the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders.

The draft Regulation equally allows certain categories of public bodies to act as a contractor, more particularly, by determining the cases in which a municipal body, a general and vocational college, a university institution and a health and social services institution may perform certain contractor functions without having to hold the applicable licence.

Moreover, the draft Regulation amends certain provisions in Division V of Chapter II of the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders in order to expand access to a security, which allows for the compensation of clients who sustain a loss following the non-performance or performance of construction work not covered by a guaranty plan. In that regard, the draft Regulation in particular increases the amount of the security required of a contractor, eliminates the time limit relating to the discovery of faulty work or defects resulting from construction work and extends the notion of client to include subsequent purchasers. Lastly, the draft Regulation makes changes to the documents and information that must be provided by persons applying for the issue or amendment of a licence, in particular by requiring an attestation signed by a lawyer, chartered professional accountant or notary that confirms the percentage of shares held by certain shareholders and by requiring supplementary information on trustees and certain officers present in the structure of the partnership or the legal person.

Study of the matter shows that, excluding the measures concerning the licence security, the addition of requirements concerning the information and documents to be furnished in an application for the issue or amendment of a licence will impact less than 20% of contractors. The overall impact is estimated at approximately \$150,000 annually. The amendments applicable to the licence security, for their part, could generate an average annual cost of approximately \$230 per contractor, for a total estimated cost of \$11.8M.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Béatrice Tchamaké, advisor, Mise en oeuvre réglementaire, Direction de la qualification, Régie du bâtiment du Québec, 255, boulevard Crémazie Est, Montréal (Québec) H2M 1L5; email: <u>dq.administration@</u> <u>rbq.gouv.qc.ca</u>.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Caroline Hardy, Secretary general and Director, Affaires institutionnelles, Régie du bâtiment du Québec, 800, place D'Youville, 16° étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5S3; email: projet.reglement. commentaires@rbq.gouv.qc.ca.

JEAN BOULET *Minister of Labour* 

### Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders and the Regulation respecting the application of the Building Act

Building Act

(chapter B-1.1, s. 185, pars. 0.1, 0.1.1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 19.7 and 38, and s. 192).

**1.** The Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders (chapter B-1.1, r. 9) is amended by striking out section 1.

**2.** Section 2 is replaced by the following:

**"2.** A natural person who is not an officer of a partnership or legal person may, in accordance with section 52 of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1), qualify as a guarantor if the natural person is a full-time manager of that partnership or legal person or if, for construction work on an ownerbuilder's electrical installation, is a journeyman electrician who has carried on the trade of electrician for at least 2 years, is a full-time employee of the owner-builder and supervises the work on behalf of the owner-builder.".

**3.** The following is inserted after section 11:

#### "DIVISION I.1 EXEMPTIONS

**11.1.** An owner-builder is exempt from the application of Chapter IV of the Act

(1) where the planned construction work involves only the renovation, repair or maintenance of the ownerbuilder's property and is estimated at less than \$20,000, except in the case of work carried out on an electrical installation, an installation designed to use or distribute gas or a petroleum equipment installation;

(2) where the planned construction work corresponds to the categories or subcategories of construction work that the owner-builder is permitted to carry out or have carried out as the holder of a building contractor's licence; and

(3) where the planned construction work is carried out by a contractor who holds a specialized contractor's licence including the licence subclasses required for that work and listed in Schedule II;

(4) for construction work on the electrical installation of an electrical station or a branch used for generating, transmitting, transforming or distributing electric power by a public electricity distribution undertaking and that is carried out by employees of that undertaking;

**11.2.** An owner-builder is exempt from the application of the following provisions of Chapter IV of the Act:

(1) subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 58 as regards the demonstration of having the knowledge or experience relevant to managing a building undertaking and the second paragraph of section 52 to the extent that that provision renders that condition applicable, but only with respect to the examination of knowledge in administration under section 21 of this Regulation.

(2) the second paragraph of section 52 to the extent that that provision renders applicable the condition prescribed by subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph of section 58;

(3) subparagraphs 2 and 5 of the first paragraph of section 58;

(4) subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 60;

(5) subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph of section 62.0.1;

(6) subparagraphs 5 and 6 of the first paragraph of section 70;

(7) paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 7 of section 71.

In addition, a specialized owner-builder is exempt from the application of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph as regards the examination of knowledge in project and site management provided for in section 23;

**11.3.** An owner-builder that is a public body within the meaning of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1) or a reporting issuer within the meaning of the Securities Act (chapter V-1.1), or that applies for or holds only subclass 16 is, in addition, exempt from the application of the following provisions of the Act:

(1) subparagraphs 8 and 8.2 to 8.4 of the first paragraph of section 58;

(2) section 59;

(3) section 59.1;

(4) subparagraphs 6, 6.0.1, 6.3, 6.4 and 8 of the first paragraph of section 60;

(5) subparagraph 6.6 of the first paragraph of section 60, but only with regard to its officers who do not wish to qualify as a guarantor;

- (6) section 61;
- (7) section 62;

(8) subparagraphs 3.2 and 3.3 of the first paragraph of section 70 and the second paragraph of section 70.

**11.4.** The public bodies that meet the following conditions may act as a contractor and are exempt from the application of the first paragraph of section 46 of the Act:

(1) a municipal body, within the meaning of section 5 of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1), that, for purposes of public utility,

(*a*) carries out or has carried out by a single contractor holding the appropriate licence, in an emergency situation requiring an immediate intervention, construction work on a building, facility, installation or work owned by another, to ensure the safety or protection of persons, animals, goods or the environment;

(*b*) has carried out by a single contractor holding the appropriate licence, construction work on a building, facility, installation or work owned by another, but only

(i) following a judgment that authorizes the municipal body to perform such work;

(ii) for the purposes of safety, the protection of persons, animals, goods or the environment, or health reasons;

(iii) for work related to devices used to measure water consumption;

(iv) for work related to a water or sewer service connection, such as the installation or replacement of a backflow preventer, water intake or sewer outlet, and resulting directly from work carried out on the property of the municipal body;

(2) a general and vocational college or a university institution referred to in section 6 of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information, that has carried out by a single contractor holding the appropriate licence, construction work on a building, facility, installation or work owned by another, which work is connected to its teaching or research activities for purposes of public utility;

(3) a health and social services institution within the meaning of section 7 of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information, amended by section 838 of the Act to make the health and social services system more effective (2023, chapter 34), that carries out work in a building owned by another to anchor therapeutic equipment in order to maintain a handicapped person or a person with decreasing autonomy at home or for a person hospitalized at home.

Despite subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of the first paragraph, a municipal body may not carry out construction work on an electrical installation, an installation designed to use or distribute gas or a petroleum equipment installation.

**11.5.** A local municipality, regional county municipality or metropolitan community that carries out construction work on a highway, street or road is exempt from the application of Chapter IV of the Act.

For the purposes of this section, a highway, street or road includes its infrastructure and all the works and installations useful for its construction and management.

**11.6.** A building contractor who is a member of the Corporation des maîtres électriciens du Québec or the Corporation des maîtres mécaniciens en tuyauterie du Québec and any contractor domiciled outside Québec are exempt from the application of section 57.1 of the Act.

**11.7.** A contractor who, on request by a non-profit legal person authorized by the Board to administer an approved guaranty plan, carries out completion or correction work, is exempt from the requirement to hold licence subclass 1.1.1 or 1.1.2 prescribed in Schedule I if the contractor holds the licence subclass required to carry out such work on a building not covered by a guaranty plan.

**11.8.** A trustee in bankruptcy or a liquidator who has the construction work of a bankrupt contractor or owner-builder completed by a contractor who holds the appropriate licence is exempt from the requirement to hold a licence.

**11.9.** A natural person who wishes to qualify as a guarantor is exempt, for the licence subclasses prescribed in Schedule III, from the application of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 58 of the Act as regards the demonstration of having the knowledge or relevant experience in the carrying out of construction work and the application of the second paragraph of section 52 of the Act, to the extent that that provision renders that condition applicable.

**11.10.** A general or undeclared partnership that is constituted for the purpose of carrying out construction work on only one construction project is exempt from the application of Chapter IV of the Act, where the following conditions are met:

(1) the proposed work is work authorized by licence subclasses 1.3 to 1.10 of Schedule I;

(2) each of the members of the partnership is the holder of a general contractor's licence authorizing the member to carry out or have carried out the proposed work; and

(3) the tender documents for the construction project require the successful bidder for the contract to provide within the allotted time a contract performance guarantee and a labour, material and services payment bond.". **4.** Section 12 is replaced by the following:

**"12.** A natural person applying for the issue or amendment of a contractor's licence must provide the Board with the following:

(1) the name, residential address, email address, date of birth and telephone number of the natural person and, where applicable, the business number assigned to the person under the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises (chapter P-44.1);

(2) if the application is made on behalf of a partnership or legal person:

(a) the name of the partnership or legal person, the address, email address and telephone number of its head office and, where applicable, the business number assigned to the partnership or legal person under the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises;

(b) in the absence of registration when applying, a copy of the constituting act or shareholders agreement in the case of a legal person or a copy of the contract of partnership in the case of a partnership other than an undeclared partnership formed by verbal contract;

(c) the name, title, residential address, email address, date of birth and telephone number of each officer and, if the application is on behalf of a legal person that is not a reporting issuer within the meaning of the Securities Act (chapter V-1.1), the following information and documents:

(i) the name, title, residential address, email address, date of birth and telephone number of each shareholder and the percentage of voting rights attached to the shares for each shareholder;

(ii) for shareholders holding less than 25% of the voting rights attached to the shares who do not appear in the enterprise register kept in accordance with Chapter II of the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises, an attestation, signed by a lawyer, chartered professional accountant or notary, confirming the percentage of shares held by those shareholders and, where applicable, the voting rights attached to those shares;

(*d*) if the partnership or legal person is constituted for the purpose of carrying out construction work on only one construction project, the name of the project;

(3) the number or title of each licence subclass for which the person, or any officer of the partnership or legal person on whose behalf the application is made, wishes to qualify; (4) a copy of photo identification issued by a government authority or, if the application is made on behalf of a partnership or legal person, a copy of such identification for each officer;

(5) the security required under Division II of Chapter V of the Act or proof of its issue;

(6) if applicable, proof of the person's participation in a guaranty plan or proof of participation of the partnership or legal person on whose behalf the licence application is made in a guaranty plan, in accordance with sections 77 and 78 of the Act;

(7) where a trust is a shareholder of the legal person on whose behalf the licence application is made, the name, address, email address and telephone number of the trustees;

(8) where an officer of a member of the partnership or of a shareholder of the legal person on whose behalf the licence application is made is not a natural person, the following information:

(*a*) the name, address and email address of that officer, the telephone number of the head office, the business number assigned under the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises, if applicable, and the percentage of voting rights attached to the shares held by the officer;

(*b*) the name, title, address, email address and percentage of voting rights attached to the shares of any person or partnership that is an officer of the officer mentioned in subparagraph *a*;

(9) if the person has gone bankrupt, a copy of the person's certificate of discharge or that of any officer or guarantor of the partnership or legal person on whose behalf the licence application is made;

(10) a list including the name, address and telephone number of the lenders referred to in subparagraph 8.2 of the first paragraph of section 58 of the Act or in subparagraph 8 of the first paragraph of section 60 of the Act and, if the lender is a natural person, the person's date of birth;

(11) a statement attesting that the person is applying for the licence on behalf of the partnership or legal person, that the person is a guarantor or wishes to qualify as such;

(12) unless the person has obtained a pardon, a statement indicating if the person, partnership or legal person on whose behalf the licence application is made, one of its officers or, if the partnership or legal person is not a reporting issuer within the meaning of the Securities Act (chapter V-1.1), one of its shareholders, has been convicted by a court in Canada or a court in a foreign country, in the 5 years preceding the application, of an offence or an indictable offence referred to in subparagraph 8 of the first paragraph of section 58 of the Act or in subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph of section 60 of the Act. The statement must be signed and indicate the nature and circumstances surrounding the offence or indictable offence and the sentence received, if applicable;

(13) a statement indicating if the person or one of the officers of the partnership or legal person on whose behalf the licence application is made

(*a*) was an officer of a partnership or legal person that went bankrupt less than 3 years before the date of the application. The statement must be signed and contain, where applicable, the causes and circumstances of the bankruptcy, the statement of affairs referred to in paragraph d of section 158 of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. B-3) and any report by the trustee in bankruptcy;

(b) was an officer of a partnership or legal person in the 12 months preceding the cessation of the partnership's or legal person's activities as a contractor. The statement must be signed and contain, where applicable, the cause and circumstances of the cessation of activities as well as the list of creditors with the name and contact information of each creditor and the amount of the debt;

(14) a statement indicating if the person or the partnership or legal person on whose behalf the licence application is made has been convicted of an offence under the Consumer Protection Act (chapter P-40.1), the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry (chapter R-20) or the Act respecting occupational health and safety (chapter S-2.1). The statement must indicate the nature and circumstances surrounding the offence and the sentence rendered or the fine incurred;

(15) unless the person has obtained a pardon, a statement indicating if, pursuant to subparagraph 6.0.1 of the first paragraph of section 60 of the Act, an officer of one of its members, in the case of a partnership, or of one of its shareholders, in the case of a legal person, has been convicted, in the 5 years preceding the application, of an offence or an indictable offence referred to in subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph of section 60 of the Act. The statement must indicate the nature and circumstances surrounding the offence or indictable offence and the sentence received, if applicable; (16) unless the person has obtained a pardon, a statement indicating if, pursuant to subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 61 of the Act, one of the officers of the partnership or legal person on whose behalf the licence application is made was an officer of a partnership or legal person that was convicted, in the 5 years preceding the application, of an offence or an indictable offence referred to in subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph of section 60 of the Act. The statement must be signed and indicate the nature and circumstances surrounding the offence or indictable offence and the sentence received, if applicable;

(17) unless the person has obtained a pardon, a statement from each lender indicating for the lender and, in the case of a partnership or legal person, for its officers whose names, addresses and dates of birth are indicated, if, in the 5 years preceding the date of the loan, they have been convicted of an offence or an indictable offence referred to in subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph of section 60 of the Act and, in the case of a conviction, the date on which the reimbursement of the loan is due;

(18) if the person is contemplated in section 56.17 or 56.18 of this Regulation, in section 19 of the Regulation respecting continuing education requirements for master electricians (chapter M-3, r. 3.1) or in section 19 of the Regulation respecting continuing education requirements for master pipe-mechanics (chapter M-4, r. 3), a statement of continuing education, together with a copy of the participation certificates issued by the trainers, showing that the person has complied with the continuing education requirements provided for in those sections;

Despite section 89 of the Regulation respecting the guarantee plan for new residential buildings (chapter B-1.1, r. 8), a licence holder's participation in a guaranty plan is presumed to be renewed for the purposes of the application of this Regulation for the term of the licence, unless written notice to the contrary is given to the Board by the administrator of the plan or by the licence holder.

**12.1.** A natural person applying for the issue or amendment of an owner-builder's licence must provide the Board with

(1) the information and documents required under the first paragraph of section 12, except those provided for in subparagraphs 5, 6, 9 and 18;

(2) the location of each site where the owner-builder intends to carry out activities referred to in section 5 or 8; and

(3) a statement attesting to the rights of the person in the immovable subject to the construction work or those of the partnership or legal person on whose behalf the licence application is made.

In addition, the owner-builders referred to in section 11.3 are exempt from providing the information and documents prescribed in

(1) subparagraph c of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 12, but only for officers who are not guarantors or who do not wish to qualify as such;

(2) subparagraph d of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 12;

(3) subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph of section 12, but only for officers who are not guarantors or who do not wish to qualify as such;

(4) subparagraphs 10, 12, 13 and 15 to 17 of the first paragraph of section 12;

(5) subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph of this section.

**12.2.** Every licence application must include the fees and charges payable under section 53 and an attestation that the information provided is true signed by the natural person making the application.".

**5.** Section 13 is replaced by the following:

**"13.** An application for the issue or amendment of a licence is deemed to be received only if it contains all the required information and documents, includes the fees and charges payable under this Regulation, and the documents are compatible with each other or with the information appearing in the register of enterprises."

**6.** Section 14 is replaced by the following:

"14. Where a holder of a licence notifies the Board of the addition of an officer, the holder must provide, for each new officer, a copy of photo identification issued by a government authority.".

**7.** Section 17 is amended by striking out "for an application for the issue or amendment of a licence, or for a 3-year period in the case provided for in the first paragraph of section 58.1 of the Act" in the second paragraph.

#### **8.** Section 18 is amended

(1) by replacing "of the Board's ruling regarding the failure" in the first paragraph by "of the prior notice referred to in section 75 of the Act, by which the Board notifies the holder of its intention to refuse the application for the issue or the amendment of a licence".

(2) by replacing "6 months" in the second paragraph by "4 months";

(3) by adding the following at the end:

"A person who fails an examination and does not register for a supplemental examination within the period prescribed in the first paragraph may not sit for the same examination as part of another licence application before the expiry of a period of 4 months after the date of the Board's ruling regarding the failure or, in the absence of a ruling, after the date of discontinuance of the application.

The fact that a person does not attend an examination session for which the person is registered results in failure of the examination.".

**9.** Section 25 is amended

(1) by striking out "discovered in the year following completion of the work";

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"For the purposes of this section, the word "client" means any subsequent purchaser of a building, facility, installation or work referred to in section 41 of the Act.".

**10.** The following is inserted after section 25:

**"25.1.** Where the contractor holds a licence containing subclass 1.1.1 or 1.1.2 provided for in Schedule I, the security does not cover the claims related to a loss referred to in section 25 for which the client may be compensated, in whole or in part, by a guaranty plan referred to in section 80 of the Act."

**11.** Section 26 is amended by replacing "section 25" by "sections 25 and 25.1".

**12.** Section 27 is amended by replacing

(1) "\$40,000" in paragraph 1 by "\$60,000";

(2) "\$20,000" in paragraph 2 by "\$30,000".

**13.** Section 33 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"The surety may not withdraw from the undertaking on the grounds that the contractor did not hold a licence of the appropriate class or subclass when the contract was entered into or when the work was carried out.".

**14.** Section 34 is amended by adding the following at the end:

"The contractor may not withdraw from the undertaking on the grounds that the contractor did not hold a licence of the appropriate class or subclass when the contract was entered into or when the work was carried out.".

**15.** Sections 46 to 48 and 49 and 50 are amended by replacing the words "of the voting shares" and "voting shares" wherever they appear respectively by "the voting rights attached to the shares".

**16.** Schedule I is amended in licence subclass 1.2 Contractor - small buildings

(1) by striking out "- Canada 1995 (NRCC 38726E)";

(2) by replacing "in Division II of the Regulation respecting the application of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1, r. 1)" and "of section 3.4 of the Regulation respecting the application of the Building Act" respectively by "in section 1.04 of the Construction Code" and "of section 1.03 of the Construction Code".

**17.** Schedule III is amended in licence subclass 3.2 Contractor – small concrete works

(1) by striking out "- Canada 1995 (NRCC 38726E)";

(2) by replacing "in Division II of the Regulation respecting the application of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1, r. 1)" by "in section 1.04 of the Construction Code".

**18.** The Regulation respecting the application of the Building Act (chapter B-1.1, r. 1) is amended by striking out sections 1 to 3 and 3.2.1 to 3.2.5.

**19.** Filing with the Régie du bâtiment du Québec of the security provided for in section 27 of the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders amended by section 12 of this Regulation terminates, for the future, the security provided in accordance with section 27, as they read on (*insert the date of the day preceding the date of coming into force of this Regulation*), without the surety or contractor being required to give the 60-day written notice provided for in the second paragraph of section 36 of the Regulation.

**20.** Sections 25, 26, 33 and 34 of the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders, respectively amended by sections 9, 11, 13 and 14 of this Regulation, and section 25.1 of the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders, made by section 10 of this Regulation, apply to the claims received by the Board before (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*) where the claim file was not yet opened on that date in accordance with the provisions of section 41 of the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders.

Despite the foregoing, the provisions of Division V of Chapter II of the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders, as they read before (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*) continue to apply in the following cases:

(1) where the Board has received a claim that is not accompanied by a final judgment and has verified, before (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*) and in accordance with the first paragraph of section 41 of the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders, whether the surety agrees to enter into an agreement or a transaction;

(2) where a claim file has been opened by the Board, in accordance with section 41 of the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders, before (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*).

**21.** A contractor who is a licence holder on (*insert* the date occurring 60 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec) must provide the new amount of security required under section 27 of the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders, amended by section 12 of this Regulation, only on the due date of the payment of the contractor's licence maintenance fees and charges.

**22.** This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, except

(1) subparagraph ii of subparagraph c of paragraph 2 and subparagraphs 7, 8, 15 and 16 of the first paragraph of section 12 of the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders, replaced by section 4 of this Regulation, which come into force on (insert the date occurring 3 years after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec);

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(2) section 27 of the Regulation respecting the professional qualification of contractors and owner-builders, amended by section 12 of this Regulation, which comes into force on (*insert the date occurring 60 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*).

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Gouvernement du Québec

## T.B. 232016, 11 March 2025

Amendments to Schedules I and II.1 to the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan and to Schedule II to the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel

WHEREAS, under section 1 of the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (chapter R-10), the retirement plan applies to employees and persons designated in Schedule I, and employees and persons designated in Schedule II who were not members of a retirement plan on 30 June 1973 or who were appointed or engaged after 30 June 1973;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 3 of section 2 of the Act, the retirement plan applies to an employee who is released without pay by his or her employer for union activities and who is in the employ of a body designated in Schedule II.1 if the employee belongs to the class of employees mentioned in that schedule in respect of that body;

WHEREAS, under section 220 of the Act, the Government may, by order, amend Schedules I, II, II.1, II.1.1 and II.2 and, where it amends Schedule I or II, it must also amend to the same effect Schedule II to the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel (chapter R-12.1), and any such order may have effect 12 months or less before it is made;

WHEREAS the Regulation under the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (chapter R-10, r. 2) determines, in accordance with subparagraph 25 of the first paragraph of section 134 of the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan, the conditions which permit a body, according to the category determined by regulation, to be designated by order in Schedule I or II.1 to the Act;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 1 of the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel, the Pension Plan of Management Personnel applies, to the extent provided for in Chapter I of that Act, to employees and persons appointed or engaged on or after 1 January 2001 to hold, with the corresponding classification, non-unionizable employment designated in Schedule I and referred to in Schedule II;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 207 of that Act, the Government may, by order, amend Schedules I, III and IV and it may also amend Schedule II, but only to the extent provided for in section 220 of the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan, and any such order may have effect 12 months or less before it is made;

WHEREAS, under section 40 of the Public Administration Act (chapter A-6.01), the Conseil du trésor, after consulting the Minister of Finance, exercises the powers conferred on the Government by an Act that establishes a pension plan applicable to personnel of the public and parapublic sectors, except certain powers;

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has been consulted;

WHEREAS Placements M.G.O. inc. meets the conditions set out in section 51 of the Regulation under the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan to be designated in Schedule I to the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan and in Schedule II to the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel;

WHEREAS the Syndicat régional des employés (es) de soutien-C.S.Q. meets the conditions set out in section 53.1 of the Regulation to be designated in Schedule II.1 to the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan;

#### THE CONSEIL DU TRÉSOR DECIDES:

THAT the amendments to Schedules I and II.1 to the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan and to Schedule II to the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel, attached to this Decision, are hereby made.

*Le greffier du Conseil du trésor,* LOUIS TREMBLAY

#### TREASURY BOARD

### Amendments to Schedules I and II.1 to the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan and to Schedule II to the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel

Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (chapter R-10, s. 220).

Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel (chapter R-12.1, s. 207, 1st par.).

**1.** Schedule I to the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (chapter R-10) is amended in paragraph 1 by inserting "Placements M.G.O. inc." in alphabetical order.

**2.** Schedule II.1 is amended by inserting "Syndicat régional des employés (es) de soutien-C.S.Q." in alphabetical order.

**3.** Schedule II to the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel (chapter R-12.1) is amended in paragraph 1 by inserting "Placements M.G.O. inc." in alphabetical order.

**4.** These amendments have effect since the following dates:

(1) those of sections 1 and 3 have effect since 16 June 2024;

(2) those of section 2 have effect since 11 March 2024.

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NOTICES

#### Notice concerning the 2024 amendments made to the List of Medications attached to the Regulation respecting the List of medications covered by the basic prescription drug insurance plan

An Act respecting prescription drug insurance (chapter A-29.01)

In accordance with section 60.3 of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance, the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec hereby gives notice of the amendments made, during the 2024 calendar year, to the List of Medications attached to the Regulation respecting the List of medications covered by the basic prescription drug insurance plan, made by Order 2007-005, dated 1 June 2007, of the Minister of Health and Social Services.

#### List of Medications covered by the basic prescription drug insurance plan

Website: https://www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/en/about-us/list-medications

Amendments	Date of coming into force	Date of publication
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	18 August 2022	26 March 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	3 October 2023	8 February 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	29 November 2023	1 February 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	11 December 2023	1 February 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	21 December 2023	22 January 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	22 December 2023	30 January 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	22 December 2023	15 February 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	28 December 2023	18 January 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1 (2 notices)	1 and 13 February 2024	1 March 2024
New List (replacement of APPENDIX I)	1 February 2024	30 January 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	2 February 2024	21 February 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	5 February 2024	26 February 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	21 February 2024	8 March 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	29 February 2024	2 April 2024
New List (replacement of APPENDIX I)	6 March 2024	4 March 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	11 March 2024	3 April 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	12 March 2024	5 April 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	12 March 2024	11 April 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	22 March 2024	16 April 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	25 March 2024	16 April 2024
New List (replacement of APPENDIX I)	11 April 2024	9 April 2024

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Amendments	Date of coming into force	Date of publication
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	22 April 2024	3 May 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	23 April 2024	9 May 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	14 May 2024	29 May 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	14 May 2024	14 June 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	19 May 2024	11 June 2024
New List (replacement of APPENDIX I)	23 May 2024	21 May 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	13 June 2024	26 June 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	14 June 2024	9 July 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	19 June 2024	28 June 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	19 June 2024	9 July 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	20 June 2024	18 July 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	26 June 2024	19 July 2024
New List (replacement of APPENDIX I)	4 July 2024	2 July 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	9 July 2024	19 July 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	15 July 2024	19 July 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	15 July 2024	19 August 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	18 July 2024	23 August 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	29 July 2024	23 August 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	12 August 2024	4 September 2024
New List (replacement of APPENDIX I)	14 August 2024	12 August 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	20 August 2024	10 September 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	21 August 2024	10 September 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	12 September 2024	27 September 2024
New List (replacement of APPENDIX I)	26 September 2024	24 September 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	16 October 2024	6 November 2024
New List (replacement of APPENDIX I)	7 November 2024	5 November 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	12 November 2024	27 November 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	18 November 2024	4 December 2024
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	26 November 2024	11 December 2024

Amendments	Date of coming into force	Date of publication
Alternative medication authorization pursuant to section 60.1	2 December 2024	19 December 2024
New List (replacement of APPENDIX I)	12 December 2024	10 December 2024

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by: ERIC ST-GELAIS, *Acting Secretary General of the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec* 

for: MÉLISSA PLAMONDON, Secretary General of the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec

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# Notice concerning the 2024 amendments made to the regulations established under the first paragraph of section 72.1 of the Health Insurance Act

Health Insurance Act (chapter A-29)

In accordance with the third paragraph of section 72.1 of the Health Insurance Act, the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec hereby gives notice of the amendments made, in the 2024 calendar year, to the regulations made under the first paragraph of that section, which amendments were published on the website of the Régie.

Tariff for insured devices which compensate for a motor deficiency and	related services (A-29, r. 9)		
Website: https://www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/en/about-us/tariff-insured-devices-which-compensate-a-motor-deficiency-related-services			
Replacements or amendments	Date of coming into force	Date of publication	
Amendment to the schedule to the Regulation (tariff)	1 March 2024	15 January 2024	
Amendment to the schedule to the Regulation (tariff)	1 July 2024	26 June 2024	
Tariff for insured hearing aids and related services (A-29, r. 8)			
Website: https://www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/en/about-us/tariff-hearing-aids			
Replacements or amendments	Date of coming into force	Date of publication	
Amendment to the schedule to the Regulation (tariff)	1 July 2024	26 June 2024	
Amendment to the schedule to the Regulation (tariff)	1 January 2025	23 October 2024	
Notice of correction	1 January 2025	11 December 2024	
Tariff for insured visual aids and related services (A-29, r. 8.1)			
Website: https://www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/en/about-us/tariff-visual-aids			
Replacements or amendments	Date of coming into force	Date of publication	
Amendment to the schedule to the Regulation (tariff)	15 April 2024	15 April 2024	

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for: MÉLISSA PLAMONDON, Secretary General of the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec

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