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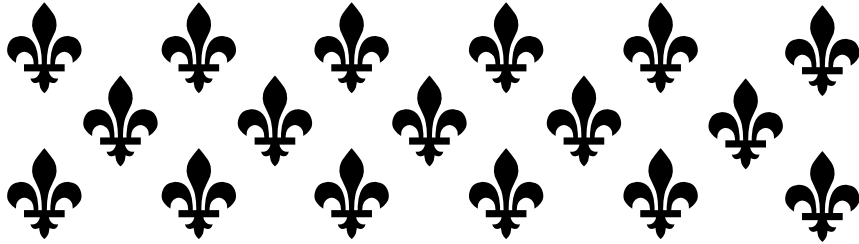
Québec, 12 December 2025

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

- 6 An Act to give effect to fiscal measures announced in the Budget Speech delivered on 25 March 2025 and to certain other measures
- 14 An Act to strengthen the integrity of voting in political parties' leadership campaigns and nomination contests
- 108 An Act to amend the Act respecting the Société de développement des entreprises culturelles to modernize the Société's financial service offer and to recognize the digital creativity industry
- 109 An Act to affirm the cultural sovereignty of Québec and to enact the Act respecting the discoverability of French-language cultural content in the digital environment
- 202 An Act respecting the merger of Beneva Mutual and Gore Mutual Insurance Company

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

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

SECOND SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 6
(2025, chapter 35)

**An Act to give effect to fiscal
measures announced in the Budget
Speech delivered on 25 March 2025
and to certain other measures**

**Introduced 11 November 2025
Passed in principle 26 November 2025
Passed 10 December 2025
Assented to 12 December 2025**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Act amends various Acts mainly to give effect to measures announced in the Budget Speech delivered on 25 March 2025. It also gives effect to fiscal measures announced in various Information Bulletins published by the Ministère des Finances in 2023, 2024 and 2025.

The Taxation Act, the Act respecting the sectoral parameters of certain fiscal measures, the Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan and the Regulation respecting the Taxation Act are amended to, in particular,

(1) maintain payment of a family allowance for the 12 months following the death of a child;

(2) modify or abolish certain measures relating to individuals in connection with the review of fiscal expenditures by the Government;

(3) introduce a new refundable tax credit for scientific research, experimental development and pre-commercialization to replace the tax credits currently provided for in these areas;

(4) modernize the tax credits for the development of e-business;

(5) revise the rates of the refundable tax credit relating to resources, provide for an eligible expense limit of 100 million dollars per 5-year period and, correspondingly, abolish additional deductions specific to the flow-through share system;

(6) introduce a deadline for additional deductions relating to public transit and shared transportation; and

(7) increase certain rates of the public utility tax and add new entities to the list of those that are exempt from it.

In addition, the Act constituting Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins and the Taxation Act are amended to, in particular, introduce a new class of shares giving entitlement to a tax credit and put in place a cumulative share purchase limit for shareholders.

The Fuel Tax Act is amended to abolish tax refunds in respect of biodiesel fuel.

The Tobacco Tax Act is amended to provide for new standards concerning the identification of loose tobacco.

In addition, the Tax Administration Act and the Taxation Act are amended to make amendments similar to those made to the Income Tax Act and the Excise Tax Act by federal bills assented to in 2024. Among other things, the amendments deal with the alternative minimum tax.

Lastly, the Act makes various technical amendments as well as consequential and terminology-related amendments.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Tax Administration Act (chapter A-6.002);
- Act constituting Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins (chapter C-6.1);
- Act to establish Fondation, le Fonds de développement de la Confédération des syndicats nationaux pour la coopération et l’emploi (chapter F-3.1.2);
- Act to establish the Fonds de solidarité des travailleurs et des travailleuses du Québec (FTQ) (chapter F-3.2.1);
- Tobacco Tax Act (chapter I-2);
- Taxation Act (chapter I-3);
- Act respecting the sectoral parameters of certain fiscal measures (chapter P-5.1);
- Act respecting the Régie de l’assurance maladie du Québec (chapter R-5);
- Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan (chapter R-9);
- Act respecting the Québec sales tax (chapter T-0.1);
- Fuel Tax Act (chapter T-1);
- Act to give effect to fiscal measures announced in the Budget Speech delivered on 12 March 2024 and to certain other measures (2024, chapter 41).

REGULATIONS AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Regulation respecting the Taxation Act (chapter I-3, r. 1);
- Regulation respecting the application of the Fuel Tax Act (chapter T-1, r. 1).

Bill 6

AN ACT TO GIVE EFFECT TO FISCAL MEASURES ANNOUNCED IN THE BUDGET SPEECH DELIVERED ON 25 MARCH 2025 AND TO CERTAIN OTHER MEASURES

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

TAX ADMINISTRATION ACT

1. (1) Section 25 of the Tax Administration Act (chapter A-6.002) is amended by adding the following subparagraphs at the end of the second paragraph:

“(c) despite subparagraphs *a* and *b*, in the case of an assessment of the person’s net tax for the person’s reporting period that is made solely to take into account an amount of tax payable under section 218.01 of the Excise Tax Act (R.S.C. 1985, c. E-15), more than seven years after the later of

i. the date on which the return should have been filed, under any of sections 468 to 470.1 of the Act respecting the Québec sales tax (chapter T-0.1), for the reporting period, and

ii. the date on which the return was filed; or

“(d) despite subparagraphs *a* and *b*, in the case of an assessment of the person’s tax payable under subparagraph 9 of the first paragraph of section 18 of the Act respecting the Québec sales tax, more than seven years after the later of

i. the date on which the return pertaining to that tax should have been filed, and

ii. the date on which the return was filed.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 4 August 2023.

ACT CONSTITUTING CAPITAL RÉGIONAL ET COOPÉRATIF DESJARDINS

2. (1) Section 4 of the Act constituting Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins (chapter C-6.1) is amended by replacing “or class “B”” in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by “, class “B” or class “C””.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

3. (1) Section 8.1 of the Act is amended, in the definition of “capitalization period”,

(1) by inserting “and preceding 2025” after “2006” in paragraph 2;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“(3) a period that begins on 1 March of a year subsequent to 2024 and ends on the last day of February of the following year;”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

4. (1) Section 9 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting “the fourth paragraph and” after “Subject to” in the first paragraph;

(2) by replacing “two” in the first paragraph by “three”;

(3) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“No class “A” share or fractional share may be issued by the Société after 28 February 2025.”

(2) Paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection 1 have effect from 1 March 2025.

(3) Paragraph 2 of subsection 1 has effect from 17 February 2020.

5. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 9.1:

“9.2. Subject to sections 10.2 and 19.0.1, the Société is authorized to issue class “C” shares without par value, automatically redeemable on a set date under section 14.1 and carrying the rights defined in section 123.40 of the Companies Act (chapter C-38), the right to elect three directors and the right of redemption defined in sections 12 and 14.

The Société is also authorized, subject to sections 10.2 and 19.0.1, to issue class “C” fractional shares without par value, automatically redeemable on a set date under section 14.1 and carrying proportionately the same rights as the shares of that class, except the voting rights attached to such shares.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

6. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 10.1:

“10.2. The total amount of the subscription for the class “C” shares and fractional shares of the Société issued during a capitalization period described in paragraph 3 of the definition of that expression in section 8.1 may not exceed

- (1) \$150,000,000, where the capitalization period is the period that ends on 28 February 2026;
- (2) \$155,000,000, where the capitalization period is the period that ends on 28 February 2027;
- (3) \$160,000,000, where the capitalization period is the period that ends on 29 February 2028;
- (4) \$165,000,000, where the capitalization period is the period that ends on 28 February 2029;
- (5) \$170,000,000, where the capitalization period is the period that ends on 28 February 2030; or
- (6) the lesser of \$150,000,000 and the amount described in the second paragraph, where the capitalization period begins after 28 February 2030.

The amount referred to in subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph corresponds to the reduction in the total amount of the subscription for the issued and outstanding class “A”, class “B” and class “C” shares and fractional shares of the Société that is attributable to the aggregate of such shares and fractional shares that were redeemed or purchased by agreement by the Société during the preceding capitalization period.”

- (2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

7. (1) Section 11 of the Act is amended

- (1) by replacing “to section 11.1” in the first paragraph by “to sections 11.1 and 11.2”;
- (2) by replacing all occurrences of “or class “B”” by “, class “B” or class “C””.

- (2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

8. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 11.1:

11.2. The acquisition, at a particular time, of class “C” shares or fractional shares of the Société by a person of full age is allowed only for an amount not exceeding the amount by which \$45,000 exceeds the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount paid, before that time, to acquire a class “A”, class “B” or class “C” share or fractional share of the Société, of which the person is the holder at that time or was the holder previously, and that is not

- (1) a share or fractional share that has devolved to that person by succession;
- (2) a share or fractional share that was redeemed by the Société under paragraph 3 of section 12;

(3) a share or fractional share purchased by the Société under a provision of the purchase by agreement policy referred to in the second paragraph of section 11 that allows the Société to purchase by agreement a share or fractional share it issued because no amount was deducted in respect of that share or fractional share under any of sections 776.1.5.0.11, 776.1.5.0.15.2, 776.1.5.0.15.4 and 776.1.5.0.15.7 of the Taxation Act (chapter I-3); or

(4) a class “A” share or fractional share that was transferred as consideration for a class “B” share or fractional share, unless subparagraph 2 or 3 applies in respect of that class “B” share or fractional share.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, the amount paid to purchase a class “B” share or fractional share of the Société corresponds to the value, determined under subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph of section 10.1, of the consideration that a person has paid or has undertaken to pay for the acquisition of that share or fractional share.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

9. (1) Section 12 of the Act is amended by replacing “or class “B”” in the portion before paragraph 1 by “, class “B” or class “C””.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

10. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 14:

“14.1. Subject to the second paragraph of section 123.54 of the Companies Act (chapter C-38), the Société is bound to redeem class “C” shares or fractional shares on the last day (in this section referred to as the “set date”) of the capitalization period that includes the day that is fourteen years after the day of their issue at a price corresponding to the price of redemption established, in accordance with the first paragraph of section 15, on 31 December preceding the set date.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

11. (1) Section 15 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “and class “B”” in the first paragraph by “, class “B” and class “C””;

(2) by inserting “or class “C”” after “class “A”” in subparagraph 1 of the fourth paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

12. (1) Section 19.0.1 of the Act is amended by replacing all occurrences of “class “A”” and “section 10” by “class “C”” and “section 10.2”, respectively.

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a fiscal year that begins after 31 December 2023.

ACT TO ESTABLISH FONDACTION, LE FONDS
DE DÉVELOPPEMENT DE LA CONFÉDÉRATION DES
SYNDICATS NATIONAUX POUR LA COOPÉRATION ET L'EMPLOI

13. (1) Section 11 of the Act to establish Fondation, le Fonds de développement de la Confédération des syndicats nationaux pour la coopération et l'emploi (chapter F-3.1.2) is amended by replacing paragraph 7 by the following paragraph:

“(7) at the request of a person who is a beneficiary under a registered retirement savings plan within the scope of which the share or fractional share has been transferred, if the person reaches 71 years of age in the year of the request and the request is made in anticipation of the maturity of the plan.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 June 2024.

ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FONDS DE SOLIDARITÉ
DES TRAVAILLEURS ET DES TRAVAILLEUSES DU QUÉBEC
(FTQ)

14. (1) Section 10 of the Act to establish the Fonds de solidarité des travailleurs et des travailleuses du Québec (FTQ) (chapter F-3.2.1) is amended by replacing paragraph 7 by the following paragraph:

“(7) at the request of a person who is a beneficiary under a registered retirement savings plan within the scope of which the share or fractional share has been transferred, if the person reaches 71 years of age in the year of the request and the request is made in anticipation of the maturity of the plan.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 June 2024.

TOBACCO TAX ACT

15. The Tobacco Tax Act (chapter I-2) is amended by inserting the following section after section 13.1.1:

“**13.1.1.1.** No retail vendor may transfer loose tobacco from a package to any other container.”

16. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 13.16:

“**13.16.1.** Any retail vendor who contravenes section 13.1.1.1 incurs a penalty equal to the greater of \$1,000 and three times the amount of tax that would have been payable under this Act if the tobacco referred to in that section had been sold by retail sale in Québec.”

17. Section 13.17 of the Act is amended by replacing “13.16” in the portion before paragraph *a* by “13.16.1”.

18. Section 14.2 of the Act is amended by inserting “13.1.1.1,” after “7.9,” in subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph.

TAXATION ACT

19. Section 38.1 of the Taxation Act (chapter I-3) is amended by inserting “and before 1 January 2028” after all occurrences of “23 March 2006” in the first paragraph.

20. Section 38.2 of the Act is amended by inserting “, before 1 January 2028,” after “resulting from the use” in the first paragraph.

21. (1) Section 39.5 of the Act is amended by replacing subparagraph ii of paragraph *a* by the following subparagraph:

“ii. was as a teacher in an educational institution referred to in any of subparagraphs 1, 3 and 4 of subparagraph i of paragraph *a* of section 752.0.18.10 or in an educational institution that was, at the time the individual held such employment, a recognized educational institution within the meaning of section 752.0.18.10.3; and”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

22. (1) Section 76 of the Act is repealed.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2026.

23. Section 156.8 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting “and before 1 January 2028” after all occurrences of “23 March 2006”;

(2) by striking out both occurrences of “, valid after that date.”.

24. Section 156.10 of the Act is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

“A taxpayer may deduct, in computing income from a business for a taxation year, the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that is otherwise deductible in computing that income for that taxation year in respect of the setting up or operation of a shared transportation service of the taxpayer and that is paid before 1 January 2028.”

25. (1) Section 230.0.0.7 of the Act is amended by replacing “Division II.1” by “Division II.1 or II.4.1.1, as the case may be.”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

26. (1) Section 241.0.2 of the Act is amended, in the portion before paragraph *a*,

(1) by inserting “or class “C”” after “class “A””;

(2) by inserting “or 776.1.5.0.15.7, as the case may be,” after the first occurrence of “776.1.5.0.11” and “or 776.1.5.0.15.7, as the case may be” after the second occurrence of “776.1.5.0.11”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

27. Section 311 of the Act, amended by section 44 of chapter 27 of the statutes of 2025, is again amended by striking out paragraph *e.1*.

28. (1) Section 336 of the Act, amended by section 45 of chapter 27 of the statutes of 2025, is again amended

(1) by replacing “and *e* to *e.6*” in paragraph *d* by “, *e* and *e.2* to *e.6*”;

(2) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph *d.0.1*:

“(*d.0.2*) an amount paid by the taxpayer in a year (in this paragraph referred to as the “subsequent year”) that is after the year as a repayment of an amount that was included in computing the taxpayer’s income for the year under any of paragraphs *a*, *c*, *c.1*, *e* and *e.2* to *e.6* of section 311 or section 317, to the extent that the amount paid

i. exceeds the taxpayer’s taxable income for the subsequent year, determined without reference to paragraphs *d*, *d.0.1* and *d.1*, and

ii. is not deducted in computing the taxpayer’s taxable income for any other taxation year;”.

(2) Paragraph 2 of subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2019.

29. (1) Section 346.0.1 of the Act is amended by inserting “if the year precedes the taxation year 2026” after “income for the year” in the first paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 25 March 2025.

30. (1) Section 358.0.2 of the Act is amended by replacing subparagraph ii of paragraph *a* by the following subparagraph:

“ii. an educational institution that is, at the end of the taxation year for which the individual intends to have section 358.0.1 apply, a recognized educational institution within the meaning of section 752.0.18.10.3;”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

31. (1) Section 491 of the Act is amended, in subparagraph i of paragraph g,

(1) by replacing “the trust” in the portion before subparagraph 1 by “a trust”;

(2) by adding the following subparagraph at the end:

“(6) the Settlement Agreement entered into by His Majesty in right of Canada in respect of the class actions relating to First Nations Child and Family Services, Jordan’s Principle and Trout Class and dated effective as of 19 April 2023, and”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 January 2024.

32. Section 595 of the Act is amended by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph iv of paragraph a:

“iv.1. determining an obligation of the trust to file a return under Book X.2.2.”.

33. (1) Section 694.0.2 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

“**694.0.2.** Despite section 7.19, a taxpayer shall, in computing taxable income for a taxation year, include any amount deducted in computing the taxpayer’s income for the year as a repayment of a particular amount the taxpayer included in computing income for a preceding taxation year, to the extent that the particular amount has been deducted in computing the taxpayer’s taxable income for that preceding taxation year or has been taken into account in computing an amount deducted under section 752.0.18.9.1 from the taxpayer’s tax otherwise payable for that preceding taxation year.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2026.

34. (1) Section 725 of the Act is amended by striking out paragraph c.2.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2026.

35. Section 725.1.3 of the Act is amended by replacing the definition of “qualified corporation” by the following definition:

““qualified corporation” for a particular calendar year means, as the case may be,

(a) where the particular calendar year precedes the calendar year 2025, a corporation that meets the following conditions:

i. in the particular calendar year, the corporation operates a business in Québec and has an establishment in Québec,

ii. the assets shown in its financial statements submitted to the shareholders or, if such financial statements have not been prepared, or have not been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, that would be shown had such financial statements been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, for its taxation year that ended in the calendar year that precedes the particular calendar year or, if the corporation is in its first fiscal period, at the beginning of its first fiscal period, were less than \$50,000,000, and

iii. an amount is deemed, under any of Divisions II, II.1, II.2.1, II.3 and II.3.0.1 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX, to have been paid to the Minister by the corporation for its taxation year that ended in the particular calendar year or for any of its three preceding taxation years;

(b) where the particular calendar year is the calendar year 2025, a corporation that, in the particular calendar year, operates a business in Québec and has an establishment in Québec, and that meets any of the following conditions:

i. the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under Division II.4.1.1 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX for its taxation year that ended in the particular calendar year, or

ii. for its taxation year that ended in the particular calendar year or for any of its three preceding taxation years,

(1) the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under any of Divisions II, II.1, II.2.1, II.3 and II.3.0.1 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX, and

(2) the assets shown in its financial statements submitted to the shareholders or, if such financial statements have not been prepared, or have not been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, that would be shown if such financial statements had been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, were less than \$50,000,000; or

(c) where the particular calendar year is subsequent to the calendar year 2025, a corporation that, in the particular calendar year, operates a business in Québec and has an establishment in Québec, and that meets any of the following conditions:

i. the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under Division II.4.1.1 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX for its taxation year that ended in the particular calendar year, or

ii. for any of its three taxation years preceding the taxation year that ended in the particular calendar year,

(1) the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under Division II.4.1.1 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX, or

(2) the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under any of Divisions II, II.1, II.2.1, II.3 and II.3.0.1 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX and the assets shown in its financial statements submitted to the shareholders or, if such financial statements have not been prepared, or have not been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, that would be shown had such financial statements been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, were less than \$50,000,000;”.

36. Section 725.1.4 of the Act is amended by replacing the portion before paragraph *a* by the following:

“**725.1.4.** For the purposes of subparagraph ii of paragraph *a* of the definition of “qualified corporation” in section 725.1.3 and subparagraph 2 of subparagraph ii of paragraphs *b* and *c* of that definition, the following rules apply in computing a corporation’s assets at the time referred to in whichever of those subparagraphs applies:”.

37. Section 725.1.6 of the Act is amended by replacing “paragraph *b* of the definition of “qualified corporation” in section 725.1.3” by “subparagraph ii of paragraph *a* of the definition of “qualified corporation” in section 725.1.3 and subparagraph 2 of subparagraph ii of paragraphs *b* and *c* of that definition”.

38. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 726.4.10.4:

“**726.4.10.5.** Despite sections 726.4.10.1 to 726.4.10.4, where an expense referred to in subparagraph i of paragraph *a* of section 726.4.10 was incurred after 25 March 2025, the percentage of 33 1/3% mentioned in that paragraph *a* is to be replaced, in respect of the expense, by a percentage of 0%.

The first paragraph does not apply in respect of an expense incurred as a result of the issue of a flow-through share before 26 March 2025 or in respect of an expense incurred after 25 March 2025 as a result of

(*a*) an application for a receipt for the preliminary prospectus made on or before 25 March 2025, in relation to a flow-through share issued after that date but before 1 January 2026; or

(*b*) a public announcement made on or before 25 March 2025, in relation to a flow-through share issued after that date, if the report of distribution form is submitted to the Autorité des marchés financiers on or before 31 May 2025.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 25 March 2025.

39. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 726.4.17.2.4:

“**726.4.17.2.5.** Despite sections 726.4.17.2.1 to 726.4.17.2.4, where an expense referred to in paragraph *a* of section 726.4.17.2 was incurred after 25 March 2025, the percentage of 33 1/3% mentioned in that paragraph *a* is to be replaced, in respect of the expense, by a percentage of 0%.

The first paragraph does not apply in respect of an expense incurred as a result of the issue of a flow-through share before 26 March 2025 or in respect of an expense incurred after 25 March 2025 as a result of

(*a*) an application for a receipt for the preliminary prospectus made on or before 25 March 2025, in relation to a flow-through share issued after that date but before 1 January 2026; or

(*b*) a public announcement made on or before 25 March 2025, in relation to a flow-through share issued after that date, if the report of distribution form is submitted to the Autorité des marchés financiers on or before 31 May 2025.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 25 March 2025.

40. (1) Section 726.20.1 of the Act is amended, in the definition of “resource property” in the first paragraph,

(1) by replacing paragraph *a* by the following paragraph:

“(a) a flow-through share issued to the individual or partnership following a public announcement or pursuant to an agreement in writing entered into after 14 May 1992, as part of a public share issue, where the flow-through share was issued as part of such an issue, in respect of which the receipt for the final prospectus or the exemption from filing a prospectus was granted after that date, except for a flow-through share that was issued

i. following an investment made after 12 June 2003 or following an application for a receipt for the preliminary prospectus or an application for an exemption from filing a prospectus made after 12 June 2003 and that was acquired by the individual or partnership before 31 March 2004,

ii. following an application for a receipt for the preliminary prospectus where the flow-through share

(1) is issued after 31 December 2025, or

(2) is issued before 1 January 2026 and the application for a receipt for the preliminary prospectus is made after 25 March 2025, or

iii. following a public announcement made after 25 March 2025 or on or before that date if, in the latter case, the report of distribution form was submitted to the Autorité des marchés financiers after 31 May 2025;”;

(2) by inserting “following a public announcement or” before “after 14 May 1992” in the portion of paragraph *b* before subparagraph *i*;

(3) by replacing subparagraph *ii* of paragraph *b* by the following subparagraph:

“*ii.* where the condition set out in subparagraph 2 of subparagraph *i* is met, the interest in the particular partnership was not acquired by the individual or partnership

(1) before 31 March 2004 following an investment made after 12 June 2003 or following an application for a receipt for the preliminary prospectus or an application for an exemption from filing a prospectus made after 12 June 2003,

(2) after 31 December 2025 following an application for a receipt for the preliminary prospectus, or before 1 January 2026 following an application for a receipt for the preliminary prospectus made after 25 March 2025, or

(3) following a public announcement made after 25 March 2025 or on or before that date if, in the latter case, the report of distribution form was submitted to the Autorité des marchés financiers after 31 May 2025;”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 25 March 2025.

41. (1) Section 726.20.2 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph by the following:

“**726.20.2.** An individual other than a trust may, in computing taxable income for a taxation year, deduct, if the individual was resident in Canada throughout the year and disposed of a resource property before 26 March 2025 or in accordance with the fifth paragraph, such amount as the individual may claim not exceeding the least of”;

(2) by adding the following subparagraph after subparagraph *ii* of subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph:

“*iii.* the expenses incurred as a consequence of the acquisition, after 25 March 2025, of a flow-through share or of an interest in a partnership were not referred to in that paragraph *a*, unless the flow-through share is issued, or the interest in the partnership is acquired,

(1) before 1 January 2026 following an application for a receipt for the preliminary prospectus made on or before 25 March 2025, or

(2) following a public announcement made on or before 25 March 2025, if the report of distribution form is submitted to the Autorité des marchés financiers on or before 31 May 2025;”;

(3) by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

“The disposition to which the first paragraph refers means a disposition that occurs after 25 March 2025 of a resource property that is

(a) a flow-through share issued before 1 January 2026, or an interest in a partnership acquired before that date, following an application for a receipt for the preliminary prospectus made on or before 25 March 2025; or

(b) a flow-through share issued, or an interest in a partnership acquired, following a public announcement made on or before 25 March 2025, if the report of distribution form is submitted to the Autorité des marchés financiers on or before 31 May 2025.

For the purposes of the exception provided for in subparagraph iii of subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph and in subparagraphs *a* and *b* of the fifth paragraph and in respect of the disposition of a resource property that is an interest in a partnership either acquired before 1 January 2026 following an application for a receipt for the preliminary prospectus made on or before 25 March 2025 or following a public announcement made on or before 25 March 2025 in respect of which the report of distribution form is submitted to the Autorité des marchés financiers on or before 31 May 2025, the flow-through share that is referred to in subparagraph 1 of subparagraph *i* of paragraph *b* of the definition of “resource property” in the first paragraph of section 726.20.1 and that relates to that resource property must also have been acquired by the partnership before 1 January 2026 and following the application for a receipt for the preliminary prospectus or following that public announcement.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 25 March 2025.

42. (1) Section 737.18.17.14 of the Act is amended

(1) in paragraph *a* of the definition of “territory with low economic vitality” in the first paragraph,

(a) by replacing the portion before subparagraph ii by the following:

“(a) one of the following regional county municipalities, in respect of a corporation’s or partnership’s tax-free period, in relation to a large investment project:

i. Municipalité régionale de comté d’Abitibi-Ouest, except where the tax-free period begins before 20 June 2025,

i.1. Municipalité régionale de comté d’Antoine-Labelle,

i.2. Municipalité régionale de comté d’Argenteuil, except where the tax-free period begins after 30 June 2025,”;

(b) by inserting the following subparagraphs after subparagraph x:

“x.1. Municipalité régionale de comté de L’Islet, except where the tax-free period begins before 20 June 2025,

“x.2. Municipalité régionale de comté de Manicouagan, except where the tax-free period begins before 20 June 2025,”;

(c) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph xii:

“xii.1. Municipalité régionale de comté de Matawinie, except where the tax-free period begins after 30 June 2025,”;

(d) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph xiii:

“xiii.1. Municipalité régionale de comté de Montmagny, except where the tax-free period begins before 20 June 2025,”;

(e) by inserting “, except where the tax-free period begins after 30 June 2027” after “Papineau” in subparagraph xiv;

(f) by inserting “, except where the tax-free period begins before 1 April 2023 or after 30 June 2027” after “Témiscamingue” in subparagraph xvi;

(g) by inserting “, except where the tax-free period begins before 1 April 2023 or after 30 June 2027” after “Appalaches” in subparagraph xviii;

(h) by inserting “, except where the tax-free period begins after 30 June 2027” after “Etchemins” in subparagraph xx;

(2) by striking out the third paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 19 June 2025.

43. (1) Section 737.18.44 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the formula in subparagraph ii of subparagraph *e* of the second paragraph by the following formula:

“(M + N)/(O + P + Q)”;

(2) by replacing the formula in subparagraph *f* of the second paragraph by the following formula:

“(R – S)/R”;

(3) by replacing subparagraph 5 of subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *e* of the third paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“(5) the product obtained by multiplying, by the proportion that the business carried on in Québec by the corporation in the year concerned is of the aggregate of its business carried on in Canada or in Québec and elsewhere in the year concerned, as determined under subsection 2 of section 771, half of the aggregate of the amounts that, for the year concerned, are described in neither subparagraph 3 nor subparagraph 4, but would be described in either of those subparagraphs if the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken on behalf of the corporation outside Québec had been undertaken in Québec by employees of an establishment situated in Québec.”;

(4) by replacing the portion of subparagraph *ii* of subparagraph *e* of the third paragraph before subparagraph 1 by the following:

“*ii.* where the year concerned begins after 31 December 2023 and before 26 March 2025, an amount equal to the lesser of the amount determined under subparagraph *ii* of subparagraph *f* for the year concerned and the total of”;

(5) by replacing subparagraph 5 of subparagraph *ii* of subparagraph *e* of the third paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“(5) the product obtained by multiplying, by the proportion that the business carried on in Québec by the corporation in the year concerned is of the aggregate of its business carried on in Canada or in Québec and elsewhere in the year concerned, as determined under subsection 2 of section 771, half of the aggregate of the amounts that, for the year concerned, are described in neither subparagraph 3 nor subparagraph 4, but would be described in either of those subparagraphs if the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken on behalf of the corporation outside Québec had been undertaken in Québec by employees of an establishment situated in Québec, or”;

(6) by adding the following subparagraph at the end of subparagraph *e* of the third paragraph:

“*iii.* where the year concerned begins after 25 March 2025, an amount equal to the lesser of the amount determined under subparagraph *iii* of subparagraph *f* for the year concerned and the total of

(1) the portion of the corporation’s expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities, determined under section 1029.8.21.16.3 for the year concerned, that is attributable to scientific research and experimental development work that contributed directly to the creation, development or improvement of the particular asset, and

(2) the product obtained by multiplying, by the proportion that the business carried on in Québec by the corporation in the year concerned is of the aggregate of its business carried on in Canada or in Québec and elsewhere in the year concerned, as determined under subsection 2 of section 771, half of the

aggregate of all amounts each of which is the portion of a consideration that, for the year concerned, is not described in subparagraphs *c*, *e*, *g*, *i* and *j* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3, but would be if the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken on behalf of the corporation outside Québec had been undertaken in Québec by employees of an establishment situated in Québec, and is attributable to such work that contributed directly to the creation, development or improvement of the particular asset;”;

(7) by replacing subparagraphs 1 to 3 of subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *f* of the third paragraph by the following subparagraphs:

“(1) the aggregate of the amounts that would be described in subparagraph 1 of subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *e* for the year concerned if the wages paid by the corporation in respect of scientific research and experimental development work had been paid to employees of an establishment situated in Québec,

“(2) the aggregate of the amounts that would be described in subparagraph 2 of subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *e* for the year concerned if the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken on behalf of the corporation had been undertaken in Québec by employees of an establishment situated in Québec, and

“(3) 50% of the aggregate of the amounts that, for the year concerned, would be described in subparagraph 3 or 4 of subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *e* if the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken on behalf of the corporation had been undertaken in Québec by employees of an establishment situated in Québec;”;

(8) by replacing subparagraph *ii* of subparagraph *f* of the third paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“*ii.* where the year concerned begins after 31 December 2023 and before 26 March 2025, the total of

(1) the aggregate of the amounts that would be described in subparagraph 1 of subparagraph *ii* of subparagraph *e* for the year concerned if the wages paid by the corporation in respect of scientific research and experimental development work had been paid to employees of an establishment situated in Québec,

(2) the aggregate of the amounts that would be described in subparagraph 2 of subparagraph *ii* of subparagraph *e* for the year concerned if the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken on behalf of the corporation had been undertaken in Québec by employees of an establishment situated in Québec, and

(3) 50% of the aggregate of the amounts that, for the year concerned, would be described in subparagraph 3 or 4 of subparagraph *ii* of subparagraph *e* if the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken on behalf of the corporation had been undertaken in Québec by employees of an establishment situated in Québec, or”;

(9) by adding the following subparagraph at the end of subparagraph *f* of the third paragraph:

“iii. where the year concerned begins after 25 March 2025, the aggregate of the amounts that would be included in the corporation’s expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities, determined under section 1029.8.21.16.3 for the year concerned, if the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken by or on behalf of the corporation outside Québec had been undertaken in Québec by employees of an establishment situated in Québec, and that are attributable to scientific research and experimental development work that contributed directly to the creation, development or improvement of the particular asset;”;

(10) by replacing the portion of subparagraph *g* of the third paragraph before subparagraph *ii* by the following:

“(g) *M* is an amount equal to the lesser of the amount determined under subparagraph *i* in relation to the particular year and the total of

i. the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the amount of wages described in subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph of section 1029.7 for a taxation year (in this subparagraph *g* referred to as the “year concerned”) that begins after 31 December 2023 and before 26 March 2025 and paid by the corporation in respect of scientific research and experimental development work that contributed directly to the creation, development or improvement of the particular asset;”;

(11) by replacing subparagraph *v* of subparagraph *g* of the third paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“v. the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the product obtained by multiplying, by the proportion that the business carried on in Québec by the corporation for a year concerned is of the aggregate of its business carried on in Canada or in Québec and elsewhere in the year concerned, as determined under subsection 2 of section 771, half of the aggregate of the amounts that, for the year concerned, are described in neither subparagraph *iii* nor subparagraph *iv*, but would be described in either of those subparagraphs if the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken on behalf of the corporation outside Québec had been undertaken in Québec by employees of an establishment situated in Québec;”;

(12) by replacing subparagraphs *h* to *j* of the third paragraph by the following subparagraphs:

“(h) *N* is an amount equal to the lesser of the amount determined under subparagraph *j* in relation to the particular year and the total of

i. the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the portion of the corporation’s expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities, determined under section 1029.8.21.16.3 for a taxation

year (in this subparagraph *h* referred to as the “year concerned”) that begins after 25 March 2025 and ends on or before the last day of the particular year, that is attributable to scientific research and experimental development work that contributed directly to the creation, development or improvement of the particular asset, and

ii. the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the product obtained by multiplying, by the proportion that the business carried on in Québec by the corporation for a year concerned is of the aggregate of its business carried on in Canada or in Québec and elsewhere in the year concerned, as determined under subsection 2 of section 771, the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the portion of a consideration that, for the year concerned, is not described in subparagraphs *c*, *e*, *g*, *i* and *j* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3, but would be if the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken on behalf of the corporation outside Québec had been undertaken in Québec by employees of an establishment situated in Québec, and is attributable to such work that contributed directly to the creation, development or improvement of the particular asset;

“(i) O is the total of

i. the aggregate of the amounts that would be described in subparagraph i of subparagraph *g* for a taxation year (in this subparagraph *i* referred to as the “year concerned”) that begins after 31 December 2023 and before 26 March 2025, if the wages paid by the corporation in respect of scientific research and experimental development work had been paid to employees of an establishment situated in Québec,

ii. the aggregate of the amounts that would be described in subparagraph ii of subparagraph *g* for a year concerned if the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken on behalf of the corporation had been undertaken in Québec by employees of an establishment situated in Québec, and

iii. 50% of the aggregate of the amounts that would be described in subparagraph iii or iv of subparagraph *g* for a year concerned if the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken on behalf of the corporation had been undertaken in Québec by employees of an establishment situated in Québec;

“(j) P is the aggregate of the amounts that would be included in the corporation’s expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities, determined under section 1029.8.21.16.3 for a taxation year that begins after 25 March 2025 and ends on or before the last day of the particular year, if the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken by or on behalf of the corporation outside Québec had been undertaken in Québec by employees of an establishment situated in Québec, and that are attributable to scientific research and experimental development work that contributed directly to the creation, development or improvement of the particular asset;

“(k) Q is

- i. if the amounts determined under subparagraphs *i* and *j* are nil, \$1, or
- ii. in any other case, \$0;

“(l) R is the basic rate determined in respect of the corporation for the particular year under section 771.0.2.3.1; and

“(m) S is 2%.”;

(13) by replacing the fourth paragraph by the following paragraph:

“Where a corporation has incurred an amount described in any of subparagraphs *i* to *iii* of subparagraph *f* of the third paragraph for the first time in the particular year or any of the five preceding taxation years, subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *e* of the second paragraph is to be read as if “seven” were replaced by the number of taxation years included in the period that begins at the beginning of the taxation year in which the corporation first incurred such an amount and ends at the end of the particular year.”;

(14) by replacing “*h*” in the portion of the fifth paragraph before subparagraph *a* by “*j*”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 25 March 2025. In addition, where section 737.18.44 of the Act applies to a taxation year that begins before 26 March 2025, it is to be read as if all occurrences of “if all the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken on behalf of the corporation outside Québec had been undertaken in Québec” were replaced by “if the scientific research and experimental development work undertaken on behalf of the corporation outside Québec had been undertaken in Québec by employees of an establishment situated in Québec”.

44. (1) Section 737.22.0.0.1 of the Act is amended by replacing the definition of “eligible employer” in the first paragraph by the following definition:

““eligible employer” means an eligible public research centre within the meaning of section 1029.8.21.16.1 or an eligible university entity within the meaning of that section;”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

45. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following chapter after section 752.0.10.0.10:

“CHAPTER I.0.2.0.5

**“TAX CREDIT FOR THE RESIDENCE OF A MEMBER
OF THE CLERGY OR OF A RELIGIOUS ORDER**

“752.0.10.0.11. An individual who, in a taxation year, is a member of the clergy or of a religious order or a regular minister of a religious denomination, and is in charge of or ministering to a diocese, parish or congregation or engaged exclusively in full-time administrative service by appointment of a religious order or religious denomination may deduct, from the individual’s tax otherwise payable for the year under this Part, an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying, by the percentage specified in paragraph *a* of section 750 that is applicable for the year, the amount, not exceeding the individual’s remuneration for the year from the office or employment, that is

(*a*) an amount equal to the aggregate of all amounts, including amounts in respect of utilities, included in computing the individual’s income for the year under Chapter II of Title II of Book III, in relation to the residence or another living accommodation occupied by the individual because of the individual’s office or employment; or

(*b*) an amount, not exceeding the amount determined under the second paragraph, that is equal to the total of the rent and expenses in respect of utilities paid by the individual for the individual’s principal place of residence or for another principal living accommodation ordinarily occupied during the year by the individual, or to the fair rental value of such a residence or living accommodation, including the value of utilities, owned by the individual or the individual’s spouse, to the extent that the individual is required to use that residence or other living accommodation, as the case may be, in performing the duties of the individual’s office or employment.

The amount to which subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph refers is the lesser of

(*a*) the greater of

i. the product obtained by multiplying \$1,000 by the number of months in the year during which the individual is a member or a minister referred to in the first paragraph, not exceeding \$10,000, and

ii. one-third of the individual’s remuneration for the year from the office or employment; and

(b) the amount by which the total of the rent paid or the fair rental value in respect of the residence or living accommodation and expenses in respect of utilities exceeds the aggregate of all amounts each of which is, to the extent that the amount can reasonably be considered to relate to all or part of the period in respect of which an amount is claimed as a deduction by the individual under the first paragraph,

i. an amount deducted, in respect of the residence or living accommodation, in computing a particular individual's income from an office or employment or from a business, or

ii. the product obtained by multiplying by 100/14 the amount deducted, in respect of the residence or living accommodation, under the first paragraph, from the tax otherwise payable under this Part by a particular individual, other than the amount deducted under the first paragraph by the individual.

No amount may be deducted for the year by an individual under the first paragraph unless the individual files with the Minister, together with the individual's fiscal return for the year under this Part, a prescribed form in which the individual's employer confirms that the conditions set out in that paragraph were met in the year in respect of the individual."

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2026.

46. (1) Section 752.0.10.1 of the Act is amended by replacing the definition of "patronage gift" in the first paragraph by the following definition:

"“patronage gift” of an individual, other than a trust, means a gift of money made in the same taxation year by the individual after 3 July 2013, or by the individual's succession after 31 December 2015, to an eligible cultural donee if

(a) the gift is made, before 26 March 2035, in satisfaction of a registered pledge and its eligible amount is at least \$25,000; or

(b) where paragraph a does not apply, the gift is made before 26 March 2025 and its eligible amount is at least \$250,000;”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

47. (1) Section 752.0.10.15.4 of the Act is amended by replacing the portion of the second paragraph before subparagraph a by the following:

“At a donor's request made before 26 March 2025, the Minister of Culture and Communications shall record in the register the pledge made by the donor after 3 July 2013 and before 26 March 2025 to an eligible cultural donee and assign a registration number in respect of that pledge if”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

48. (1) Section 752.0.18 of the Act is amended by striking out subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

49. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following chapter after section 752.0.18.9:

“CHAPTER I.0.3.2.1

**“TAX CREDIT RELATING TO ADULT BASIC EDUCATION
TUITION FEES ASSISTANCE**

“752.0.18.9.1. An individual may deduct from the individual’s tax otherwise payable for a taxation year under this Part an amount equal to the amount obtained by multiplying, by the percentage specified in paragraph *a* of section 750 that is applicable for the year, the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that

(*a*) is received by the individual in the year under a program referred to in paragraph *e.3* or *e.4* of section 311, a program established under the Department of Employment and Social Development Act (S.C. 2005, c. 34) or a prescribed program;

(*b*) is financial assistance for the payment of tuition fees of the individual that are not included in computing an amount deductible under section 752.0.18.10 in computing the individual’s tax payable under this Part for any taxation year;

(*c*) is included in computing the individual’s income for the year; and

(*d*) is not deductible in computing the individual’s taxable income for the year.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2026.

50. (1) Section 752.0.18.10 of the Act is amended by replacing subparagraph 2 of subparagraph *i* of paragraph *a* by the following subparagraph:

“(2) an educational institution that is, at the end of the year in respect of which those fees were paid, a recognized educational institution within the meaning of section 752.0.18.10.3.”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

51. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 752.0.18.10.2:

“752.0.18.10.3. In this chapter, a recognized educational institution, at any time, means

(a) where that time is before 1 January 2026, an educational institution in Canada that the Minister has recognized, before that time, to be an institution providing courses, other than courses designed for university credit, that furnish a person with skills for, or improve a person’s skills in, an occupation and the recognition of which is valid at that time; and

(b) where that time is subsequent to 31 December 2025, an educational institution in Canada in respect of which the following conditions are met:

i. it has filed an application with the Minister in the prescribed form containing prescribed information to be recognized as an institution providing courses, other than courses designed for university credit, that furnish a person with skills for, or improve a person’s skills in, an occupation and it has been, before that time, recognized as such by the Minister under section 752.0.18.10.4, and

ii. the recognition granted to it by the Minister under section 752.0.18.10.4 is valid at that time.

“752.0.18.10.4. The Minister may, following the receipt of an application described in subparagraph i of paragraph b of section 752.0.18.10.3 filed by an educational institution, recognize that educational institution to be an institution providing courses, other than courses designed for university credit, that furnish a person with skills for, or improve a person’s skills in, an occupation if

(a) the educational institution

i. receives from the State or His Majesty in right of Canada or a province, other than Québec, funding or other logistical support,

ii. is a private educational institution providing at least one training program equivalent to one provided by a public educational institution,

iii. provides at least one training program for a profession or trade requiring a certificate of qualification or a licence issued by a federal or provincial government authority, or

iv. provides at least one training program leading to a professional status recognized under the Professional Code (chapter C-26); and

(b) where the educational institution provides training in the health sector, that training is aimed solely at individuals who are practitioners within the meaning of section 752.0.18 or who are in the process of becoming such practitioners.

“**752.0.18.10.5.** The recognition granted by the Minister to an educational institution under section 752.0.18.10.4 is valid until the earlier of

(a) the end of the fourth calendar year following that in which the recognition was granted; and

(b) the date on which any revocation of the recognition takes effect.

An educational institution the recognition of which is no longer valid must, to qualify once again as a recognized educational institution under paragraph *b* of section 752.0.18.10.3, again file with the Minister in the prescribed form containing prescribed information an application described in subparagraph *i* of that paragraph *b*.

“**752.0.18.10.6.** An educational institution that holds a recognition granted by the Minister under section 752.0.18.10.4 and ceases its activities or no longer meets one of the conditions set out in paragraph *a* of section 752.0.18.10.4 or, if it is an educational institution providing training in the health sector, the condition set out in paragraph *b* of that section, is required to notify the Minister in writing as soon as possible.

“**752.0.18.10.7.** The Minister may revoke the recognition granted by the Minister to an educational institution under section 752.0.18.10.4, where the educational institution

(a) so requests;

(b) ceases its activities; or

(c) no longer meets one of the conditions set out in paragraph *a* of section 752.0.18.10.4 or, where the educational institution provides training in the health sector, the condition set out in paragraph *b* of that section.

The revocation takes effect from the date indicated by the Minister in the notice sent to the educational institution.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies in respect of an application filed by an educational institution to qualify as a recognized educational institution after 31 December 2025.

52. (1) Section 752.0.18.14 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

“**752.0.18.14.** Where an individual is absent from Canada but resident in Québec for all or part of a taxation year in respect of which tuition fees are paid, subparagraph 1 of subparagraph *i* of paragraph *a* of section 752.0.18.10, paragraph *a* of section 752.0.18.10.3 and the portion of paragraph *b* of section 752.0.18.10.3 before subparagraph *i* are to be read, in relation to fees paid in respect of that year, without reference to “in Canada”.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

53. (1) Section 752.0.22 of the Act is amended by inserting “752.0.10.0.11, 752.0.18.9.1,” after “752.0.10.0.9,”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2026.

54. (1) Section 752.0.24 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing both occurrences of “752.0.10.0.9” in the portion of subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph before subparagraph ii by “752.0.10.0.11”;

(2) by inserting “752.0.18.9.1,” after “752.0.18.8,” in subparagraph i of subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph;

(3) by replacing “752.0.10.0.7” in subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph and in the second paragraph by “752.0.10.0.7, 752.0.10.0.11”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2026.

55. (1) Section 752.0.25 of the Act is amended by inserting “752.0.10.0.11,” after “under sections” in subparagraph *b* of the second paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2026.

56. (1) Section 752.0.27 of the Act, amended by section 80 of chapter 27 of the statutes of 2025, is again amended by inserting “, 752.0.10.0.11” after “752.0.10.0.7” in the portion before subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2025.

57. (1) Section 752.12 of the Act is amended by striking out “, 776, 776.1.1 to 776.1.5 and 776.1.5.0.11 to 776.1.5.0.15.5” in paragraph *b*.

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2023.

58. (1) Section 752.14 of the Act is amended by striking out “, 776, 776.1.1 to 776.1.5 and 776.1.5.0.11 to 776.1.5.0.15.5”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2023.

59. (1) Section 776 of the Act is amended by replacing “for a taxation year under this Part” in the portion before subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph by “under this Part for a taxation year preceding the taxation year 2026”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 25 March 2025.

60. (1) Section 776.1.5.0.6 of the Act is amended by striking out “under section 776.1.5.0.7 or 776.1.5.0.8” in paragraph *a* of the definition of “specified balance” in the first paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2024.

61. (1) Section 776.1.5.0.7 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the formula in the first paragraph by the following formula:

“ $[(A - B)/(10 - C)] - D$ ”;

(2) by replacing the portion of subparagraph *b* of the second paragraph before subparagraph *i* by the following:

“(b) B is, where the particular taxation year is the first taxation year included in a repayment period of the individual, an amount equal to zero and, in any other case, the aggregate of all amounts each of which is”;

(3) by adding the following subparagraph at the end of the second paragraph:

“(d) D is

i. where the particular taxation year is the first taxation year included in a repayment period of the individual, the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount paid by the individual on the acquisition of replacement shares in a taxation year preceding the particular taxation year or within 60 days after the end of that preceding year, other than a taxation year included in a participation period of the individual that ended before the particular taxation year, or

ii. in any other case, an amount equal to zero.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2024.

62. (1) Sections 776.1.5.0.8 and 776.1.5.0.9 of the Act are amended by striking out “under section 776.1.5.0.7” in paragraph *a*.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2024.

63. (1) Section 776.1.5.0.10.1 of the Act is amended by inserting “and before 2025” after “2020” in subparagraph *h* of the first paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

64. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following division after section 776.1.5.0.15.5:

“DIVISION III

**“CREDIT RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF CLASS “C”
SHARES ISSUED BY CAPITAL RÉGIONAL
ET COOPÉRATIF DESJARDINS**

“776.1.5.0.15.6. In this division, “acquisition period” means a period that begins on 1 March of a year after 2024 and ends on the last day of February of the following year.

For the purposes of the definition of “acquisition period” in the first paragraph, where the last day of February of a year is a statutory holiday, the day immediately before the statutory holiday is deemed to be the last day of that month.

“776.1.5.0.15.7. Subject to section 776.1.5.0.15.8, an individual, other than a trust, who is resident in Québec at the end of 31 December of a particular taxation year and who is not a dealer acting as an intermediary or firm underwriter may deduct from the individual’s tax otherwise payable for the particular year under this Part, if the individual encloses the document described in the second paragraph with the fiscal return the individual is required to file for the particular year under section 1000, an amount equal to the lesser of \$1,250 and the product obtained by multiplying by 25% the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount paid by the individual in an acquisition period beginning in the particular year for the purchase, as first purchaser, of a class “C” share of the capital stock of the corporation governed by the Act constituting Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins (chapter C-6.1).

The document to which the first paragraph refers is a copy of the prescribed form the individual received, in respect of the share, from the corporation governed by the Act constituting Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins.

“776.1.5.0.15.8. No individual may deduct, for a particular taxation year, an amount under section 776.1.5.0.15.7 in respect of an amount paid by the individual in the acquisition period referred to in the first paragraph of that section for the acquisition of a share referred to in that section if

(a) during that period or within the following 30 days, the individual requested redemption of the share in accordance with paragraph 3 of section 12 of the Act constituting Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins (chapter C-6.1); or

(b) the corporation governed by the Act constituting Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins, before 1 March of the year following the particular year, in relation to another share of its capital stock held by the individual,

i. redeems the share in accordance with paragraph 1 or 4 of section 12 or with section 14.1 of that Act, or

ii. purchases the share in accordance with the purchase by agreement policy approved by the Minister of Finance under the second paragraph of section 11 of that Act, except where the purchase is made in accordance with a provision of that policy under which the corporation may purchase by agreement a share it issued because no amount was deducted in respect of the share under any of sections 776.1.5.0.11, 776.1.5.0.15.2, 776.1.5.0.15.4 and 776.1.5.0.15.7.

“776.1.5.0.15.9. For the purposes of this division, an amount paid for the purchase of a class “C” share of the capital stock of the corporation governed by the Act constituting Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins (chapter C-6.1) consists solely of the issue price paid in respect of that share.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

65. (1) The heading of Title III.4 of Book V of Part I of the Act is replaced by the following heading:

“TAX CREDIT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF E-BUSINESS
INTEGRATING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
FUNCTIONALITIES”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

66. (1) Section 776.1.20 of the Act is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraphs:

“The percentage to which the first paragraph refers is, as the case may be,

(a) where the taxation year begins before 1 January 2025, 6%;

(b) where the taxation year begins after 31 December 2024 but before 1 January 2026, 7%;

(c) where the taxation year begins after 31 December 2025 but before 1 January 2027, either

i. 4%, if the total of the proportions described in the third paragraph is at least 50%, or

ii. 8%, in any other case;

(d) where the taxation year begins after 31 December 2026 but before 1 January 2028, either

i. 4.5%, if the total of the proportions described in the third paragraph is at least 50%, or

ii. 9%, in any other case; or

(e) where the taxation year begins after 31 December 2027, either

i. 5%, if the total of the proportions described in the third paragraph is at least 50%, or

ii. 10%, in any other case.

The proportions to which subparagraph i of each of subparagraphs *c* to *e* of the second paragraph refers are the proportions of the corporation's gross revenue that, in accordance with subparagraphs 3 and 4 of the third paragraph of section 13.3 of Schedule A to the Act respecting the sectoral parameters of certain fiscal measures (chapter P-5.1), are specified, if applicable, in the certificate referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.0.3.80 that was issued to the corporation for the taxation year."

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2025.

67. (1) Section 776.41.5 of the Act is amended by replacing "752.0.10.6.1," in subparagraphs *a* and *b* of the second paragraph by "752.0.10.0.11, 752.0.10.6.1, 752.0.18.9.1,".

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2026.

68. (1) Section 776.41.21 of the Act is amended, in subparagraph *b* of the second paragraph,

(1) by inserting "752.0.10.0.11," after "752.0.10.0.9,";

(2) by inserting "752.0.18.9.1," after "752.0.18.8,".

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2026.

69. (1) Section 776.45 of the Act is amended by replacing paragraph *d.1* by the following paragraph:

"(d.1) a taxation year of a trust throughout which the trust is

i. a trust referred to in any of paragraphs *a*, *e*, *f*, *h*, *o* and *q* of subsection 2.2 of section 1000,

ii. an investment fund within the meaning of section 21.0.5, unless the trust qualifies as an investment fund because of or in connection with a transaction or event or series of transactions or events one of the main purposes of which is to avoid tax under this Book,

iii. an irrevocable trust in respect of which the following conditions are met:

(1) each beneficiary under the trust is a person exempt from tax under this Book or a person that is a trust described in this subparagraph iii,

(2) no person (other than a person described in subparagraph 1) can be added as a beneficiary under the trust, and

(3) all interests in the trust are fixed interests within the meaning of the first paragraph of section 593,

iv. a trust that is exempt from tax under this Part,

v. a trust referred to in section 851.25, or

vi. a unit trust if the total fair market value of the units of the trust that are listed on a designated stock exchange represents all or substantially all of the total fair market value of all the units of the trust; and”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2023.

70. (1) Section 776.46 of the Act is amended, in the second paragraph,

(1) by striking out “or a subsequent year” in subparagraph vi of subparagraph *a*;

(2) by adding the following subparagraph at the end of subparagraph *a*:

“vii. 19%, where the taxation year is the year 2024 or a subsequent year;”;

(3) by replacing subparagraph i of subparagraph *c* by the following subparagraph:

“i. in the case of an individual (other than a trust) or a qualified disability trust within the meaning of the first paragraph of section 768.2, \$175,000, and”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2023.

71. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 776.46:

“776.46.1. Where the amount of \$175,000 to which subparagraph i of subparagraph *c* of the second paragraph of section 776.46 refers is to be used for a taxation year subsequent to the year 2024, it is to be adjusted annually in such a manner that the amount used for that taxation year is equal to the total of the amount used for the preceding taxation year and the product obtained by multiplying the latter amount by the factor determined by the formula

$(A/B) - 1$.

In the formula in the first paragraph,

(a) A is the average all-items Consumer Price Index for Québec excluding alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and recreational cannabis for the 12-month period that ended on 30 September of the taxation year preceding that for which an amount is to be adjusted; and

(b) B is the average all-items Consumer Price Index for Québec excluding alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and recreational cannabis for the 12-month period that ended on 30 September of the taxation year immediately before the year preceding that for which the amount is to be adjusted.

If the factor determined by the formula in the first paragraph has more than four decimal places, only the first four decimal digits are retained and the fourth is increased by one unit if the fifth is greater than 4.

Where the amount that results from the adjustment provided for in the first paragraph is not a multiple of \$5, it must be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$5 or, if it is equidistant from two such multiples, to the higher multiple.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2024.

72. (1) Section 776.56 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing paragraph *a* by the following paragraph:

“(a) the first paragraph of section 231 shall be construed as if the taxable capital gain or the allowable capital loss represented 100% of the capital gain or of the capital loss, as the case may be, from the disposition of property;”;

(2) by replacing “80%” in paragraph *b* by “100%”;

(3) by replacing “to 80% of” in paragraph *c* by “to”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2023.

73. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 776.56:

“**776.56.1.** For the purposes of section 776.51, section 231.2 is to be read, in respect of a particular disposition, as if “zero” in the portion before paragraph *a* were replaced by “30% of the taxpayer’s capital gain for the year from the disposition of the property”, where the particular disposition is either a disposition in respect of which paragraph *a* or *d* of section 231.2 applies or a disposition of a property referred to in paragraph *a* of section 231.2 and in respect of which paragraph *c* of that section applies.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2023.

74. (1) Section 776.59 of the Act is amended by striking out “1/2 of” in the portion before paragraph *a*.

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2023. In addition, where section 776.59 of the Act applies to the taxation years 2013 to 2023, it is to be read as if “1/2” in the portion before paragraph *a* were replaced by “60%”.

75. (1) Section 776.60 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “the second paragraph” in the first paragraph by “the second and third paragraphs”;

(2) by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraphs:

“The only amounts deductible by the individual for the year in computing the individual’s taxable income or the individual’s taxable income earned in Canada, as the case may be, under sections 725, 725.2.2, 726.7, 726.7.1 and 726.20.2 are

(*a*) as regards section 725, the amount that would be deductible under that section if the individual deducted 1/2 of the amount the individual deducted for the year under paragraph *d.1* of that section; and

(*b*) as regards any of sections 725.2.2, 726.7, 726.7.1 and 726.20.2, 7/5 of the amount deducted under that section.

In addition, no amount is deductible by the individual for the year in computing the individual’s taxable income or the individual’s taxable income earned in Canada, as the case may be, under any of sections 725.2, 725.3, 725.4 and 725.5.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2023.

76. (1) Section 776.61 of the Act is amended

(1) in paragraph *a*,

(*a*) by inserting “1/2 of” at the beginning of subparagraph *i*;

(*b*) by replacing “the said sections for the year” in the portion of subparagraph *ii* before subparagraph 1 by “those sections for the year if the amount that would be deductible under those sections were equal to 1/2 of the amount that would otherwise be deductible under those sections and”;

(2) in paragraph *b*,

(a) by replacing the portion before subparagraph ii by the following:

“(b) as regards section 729, the lesser of

i. the aggregate of all amounts the individual deducted under that section for the year, and”;

(b) by inserting “and begins before 1 January 2024” at the end of subparagraph 3 of subparagraph ii;

(c) by adding the following subparagraph at the end of subparagraph ii:

“(4) section 776.55.1 applied in computing the individual’s net capital loss for any taxation year that begins after 31 December 2023.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2023.

77. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 776.61:

“**776.61.0.1.** For the purposes of section 776.51, the amount that is deductible by the individual in computing the individual’s income for the year under any of the following provisions is equal to 1/2 of the amount deducted for the year under that provision:

(a) sections 63, 63.1, 64, 65.1, 66, 67, 75, 75.2.1, 75.3, 78, 78.4 and 79;

(b) paragraphs *i.1* and *j* of section 339; and

(c) sections 348, 349, 350.1, 358.0.1 and 358.0.3.

“**776.61.0.2.** For the purposes of section 776.51, the amount that is deductible by the individual in computing the individual’s income for the year under any of sections 147, 160, 163, 176, 176.4, 176.6 and 179 in respect of an amount described in the second paragraph is equal to 1/2 of the amount deducted for the year under that section in respect of that amount.

The amount to which the first paragraph refers is an amount borrowed to earn income from property for the year, other than an amount described in any of sections 776.53, 776.54, 776.55.2, 776.55.3 and 776.57.1.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2023. However, where section 776.61.0.1 of the Act applies to a taxation year that begins before 1 January 2026, it is to be read as if “76,” were inserted after “75.3,” in paragraph *a*.

78. (1) Section 776.61.1 of the Act is amended by replacing “and 776.57.1” in paragraph *b* by “, 776.57.1 and 776.61.0.2”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2023.

79. (1) Section 776.62 of the Act is repealed.

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2023.

80. (1) Section 776.65 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“(a) 1/2 of the amount deducted under any of sections 752.0.0.1 to 752.0.10.0.11, 752.0.14, 752.0.18.3 to 752.0.18.9, 752.0.18.10 to 752.0.18.15, 776.1.5.0.17, 776.1.5.0.18, 776.41.14 and 776.41.21 in computing the individual’s tax payable for the year under this Part;”;

(2) by replacing “the amount deducted” and “752.0.10.1” in subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph by “1/2 of the amount deducted” and “752.0.11”, respectively;

(3) by adding the following subparagraphs at the end of the first paragraph:

“(c) 4/5 of the amount deducted under any of sections 752.0.10.6 to 752.0.10.6.2 in computing the individual’s tax payable for the year under this Part, determined without reference to this Book, to the extent that the amount deducted does not exceed the maximum amount deductible under that section in computing the individual’s tax payable for the year under this Part, determined without reference to this Book;

“(d) the amount deducted under section 752.0.18.9.1 in computing the individual’s tax payable for the year under this Part; or

“(e) where an amount is deducted under section 776.41.5 in computing the individual’s tax payable for the year under this Part, the amount determined by the formula

$0.5A + 0.8B + 0.5C$.”;

(4) by inserting the following paragraph after the first paragraph:

“In the formula in subparagraph *e* of the first paragraph,

(a) A is the lesser of

i. the total of all amounts each of which is an amount that the individual’s eligible spouse for the year, within the meaning of sections 776.41.1 to 776.41.4,

may deduct under section 752.0.18.10 or 752.0.18.15 in computing tax payable for the year under this Part and that the individual includes in computing, for the year, the aggregate described in subparagraph *a* of the second paragraph of section 776.41.5, and

ii. the amount that would be deducted under section 776.41.5 in computing the individual's tax payable for the year under this Part if

(1) subparagraphs *a* and *b* of the second paragraph of that section were read as if “776.1.5.0.17 and 776.1.5.0.18” were replaced by “767, 772.2 to 772.13.3, 772.15, 776.1.1, 776.1.2, 776.1.5.0.11, 776.1.5.0.15.7, 776.1.5.0.17, 776.1.5.0.18 and 776.1.6”, and

(2) where the individual is referred to in the second paragraph of any of sections 22, 25 and 26, no reference were made to the proportion referred to in section 776.41.6 or 776.41.8, as the case may be;

(*b*) B is the lesser of

i. the total of all amounts each of which is an amount that the individual's eligible spouse for the year, within the meaning of sections 776.41.1 to 776.41.4, may deduct under section 752.0.10.6 or 752.0.10.6.2 in computing tax payable for the year under this Part and that the individual includes in computing, for the year, the aggregate described in subparagraph *a* of the second paragraph of section 776.41.5, and

ii. the amount by which the amount determined under subparagraph ii of subparagraph *a* exceeds the amount determined under subparagraph i of that subparagraph *a*; and

(*c*) C is the amount by which the amount determined under subparagraph ii of subparagraph *b* exceeds the amount determined under subparagraph i of that subparagraph *b*.”;

(5) by replacing subparagraph *b* of the second paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“(b) the amount deducted by the individual under section 776.41.14 or 776.41.21 in computing tax payable for the year under this Part must be determined without reference to

i. the proportion referred to in section 776.41.16 or 776.41.18, as the case may be, where the amount is deducted under section 776.41.14, or

ii. the proportion referred to in section 776.41.22 or 776.41.24, as the case may be, where the amount is deducted under section 776.41.21.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2023. However, where section 776.65 of the Act applies to a taxation year that begins before 1 January 2026, it is to be read

(1) as if, in subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph, “752.0.10.0.11” were replaced by “752.0.10.0.9” and “752.0.18.9, 752.0.18.10 to” were struck out;

(2) without reference to subparagraph *d* of the first paragraph; and

(3) as if, in subparagraph 1 of subparagraph ii of subparagraph *a* of the second paragraph, “776,” were inserted after “772.15,” and, except where section 776.65 of the Act applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2024, “776.1.5.0.15.7,” were struck out.

81. (1) Section 782 of the Act is amended by replacing “I.0.2.0.4 and I.0.3” in paragraph *b* by “I.0.2.0.5, I.0.3 and I.0.3.2.1”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2026.

82. (1) Section 890.16.1 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

“**890.16.1.** For the purposes, at any time, of this Title and Chapter III of Title XXXV of the Regulation respecting the Taxation Act (chapter I-3, r. 1), “education at the post-secondary school level” or “program at a post-secondary school level” includes a program of studies of an educational institution that is, at that time, a recognized educational institution within the meaning of section 752.0.18.10.3 that furnishes a person with skills for, or improves a person’s skills in, an occupation.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

83. (1) Section 965.39.2 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

“**965.39.2.** The adjusted cost to an individual of a qualifying security is obtained by multiplying the cost to the individual of the security, determined without taking into account the borrowing costs or other costs related to the acquisition of the security incurred by the individual or by a partnership, by

(a) 125%, in the case of a qualifying security acquired before 26 March 2025; or

(b) 100%, in the case of a qualifying security acquired after 25 March 2025.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 25 March 2025.

84. (1) Section 1029.6.0.0.1 of the Act, amended by section 126 of chapter 27 of the statutes of 2025, is again amended by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph *a* of the second paragraph:

“(a.1) in the case of Division II.4.1.1, government assistance or non-government assistance does not include

i. an amount deemed to have been paid to the Minister for a taxation year under that division, or

ii. an amount deducted or deductible under subsection 5 or 6 of section 127 of the Income Tax Act or under any of sections 127.43, 127.44, 127.45, 127.47, 127.48 and 127.49 of that Act;”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

85. (1) Section 1029.6.0.1.2.3 of the Act is amended by adding the following subparagraph at the end of the second paragraph:

“(d) if, for the purpose of establishing the amount used as a basis for computing the particular amount, another amount (in this subparagraph referred to as the “exclusion threshold”) obtained by multiplying the amount in dollars mentioned in section 752.0.0.1 by a proportion or, successively, by more than one proportion is to be taken into account, the exclusion threshold is deemed to be equal to the product obtained by multiplying the exclusion threshold, otherwise determined, by the proportion that the period attributed for the purposes, in respect of the expenditure entitling to more than one tax credit, of that applicable division, is of the part of the period to which the expenditure entitling to more than one tax credit is attributable that can reasonably be considered, for the purposes of that division, as having been devoted to the activity referred to in subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph in relation to that expenditure.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

86. (1) Section 1029.7 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph by the following:

“**1029.7.** A taxpayer, other than a tax-exempt taxpayer, who carries on a business in Canada, who undertakes scientific research and experimental development related to a business of the taxpayer, in Québec, or causes such research and development to be undertaken in Québec on the taxpayer’s behalf as part of a contract, and who encloses the prescribed form containing prescribed information with the fiscal return the taxpayer is required to file under section 1000, or would be required to file if tax were payable under this Part by the taxpayer, for the taxation year in which the research and development was undertaken is deemed, if that taxation year begins before 26 March 2025 and subject to the second and seventh paragraphs, to have paid to the Minister, on the taxpayer’s balance-due day for that year, on account of the taxpayer’s tax payable for that year under this Part, an amount equal to 14% of the aggregate of”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Where an amount is deemed, for the purposes of this section, to be an expenditure for scientific research and experimental development undertaken in a taxation year because of paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.18.1 as a consequence of subparagraph *i* of that paragraph *a*, or paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.18.1.3, the portion of the first paragraph before subparagraph *a* is to be read, as regards that amount for that taxation year, without reference to “if that taxation year begins before 26 March 2025 and” and as if “the second and seventh paragraphs” were replaced by “the second paragraph”.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

87. (1) Section 1029.8 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph by the following:

“**1029.8.** Where a partnership carries on a business in Canada and undertakes scientific research and experimental development related to a business of the partnership, in Québec, or causes such research and development to be undertaken in Québec on its behalf as part of a contract, every taxpayer, other than a tax-exempt taxpayer, who is a member of the partnership at the end of a fiscal period of the partnership in which the research and development was undertaken, who is not a specified member of the partnership in that fiscal period and who encloses the prescribed form containing prescribed information with the fiscal return the taxpayer is required to file under section 1000, or would be required to file if tax were payable under this Part by the taxpayer, for the taxpayer’s taxation year in which the fiscal period ends, is deemed, if that fiscal period begins before 26 March 2025 and subject to the second and eighth paragraphs, to have paid to the Minister, on the taxpayer’s balance-due day for that year, on account of the taxpayer’s tax payable for that year under this Part, 14% of the taxpayer’s share of an amount equal to the aggregate of”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Where an amount is deemed, for the purposes of this section, to be an expenditure for scientific research and experimental development, or a share of an expenditure for scientific research and experimental development, undertaken in a fiscal period because of paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.18.1.1 or 1029.8.18.1.2, as the case may be, as a consequence of subparagraph *i* of that paragraph *a*, or paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.18.1.3, the portion of the first paragraph before subparagraph *a* is to be read, as regards that amount for that fiscal period, without reference to “if that fiscal period begins before 26 March 2025 and” and as if “the second and eighth paragraphs” were replaced by “the second paragraph”.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

88. (1) Section 1029.8.6 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph by the following:

“1029.8.6. A taxpayer, other than a tax-exempt taxpayer, who carries on a business in Canada, who has entered into a university research contract with an eligible university entity or into an eligible research contract with an eligible public research centre or an eligible research consortium, or for the benefit of whom a prescribed linkage agency has entered into such a contract in accordance with an agreement entered into between the taxpayer and the prescribed linkage agency, and who encloses the prescribed form containing prescribed information with the fiscal return the taxpayer is required to file under section 1000, or would be required to file if tax were payable under this Part by the taxpayer, for the taxation year in which scientific research and experimental development related to a business of the taxpayer was undertaken under the contract by the eligible university entity, the eligible public research centre or the eligible research consortium, as the case may be, is deemed, if that taxation year begins before 26 March 2025 and subject to the second and third paragraphs, to have paid to the Minister, on the taxpayer’s balance-due day for that year, on account of the taxpayer’s tax payable for that year under this Part, an amount equal to 14%”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Where an amount is deemed, for the purposes of this section, to be an expenditure for scientific research and experimental development undertaken in a taxation year because of paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.18.1 as a consequence of subparagraph *i* of that paragraph *a*, or paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.18.1.3, the portion of the first paragraph before subparagraph *a* is to be read, as regards that amount for that taxation year, without reference to “if that taxation year begins before 26 March 2025 and” and as if “the second and third paragraphs” were replaced by “the second paragraph”.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

89. (1) Section 1029.8.7 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph by the following:

“1029.8.7. Where a partnership carries on a business in Canada and has entered into a university research contract with an eligible university entity or into an eligible research contract with an eligible public research centre or an eligible research consortium, or where such a contract has been entered into by a prescribed linkage agency for the benefit of the partnership in accordance with an agreement entered into between the partnership and the prescribed linkage agency, each taxpayer, other than a tax-exempt taxpayer, who is a member of the partnership at the end of a fiscal period of the partnership in

which scientific research and experimental development related to a business of the partnership was undertaken under the contract by the eligible university entity, the eligible public research centre or the eligible research consortium, as the case may be, who is not a specified member of the partnership in that fiscal period and who encloses the prescribed form containing prescribed information with the fiscal return the taxpayer is required to file under section 1000, or would be required to file if tax were payable under this Part by the taxpayer, for the taxpayer's taxation year in which the fiscal period ends, is deemed, if that fiscal period begins before 26 March 2025 and subject to the second and fourth paragraphs, to have paid to the Minister, on the taxpayer's balance-due day for that year, on account of the taxpayer's tax payable for that year under this Part, an amount equal to 14% of the taxpayer's share";

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"Where an amount is deemed, for the purposes of this section, to be an expenditure for scientific research and experimental development, or a share of an expenditure for scientific research and experimental development, undertaken in a fiscal period because of paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.18.1.1 or 1029.8.18.1.2, as the case may be, as a consequence of subparagraph *i* of that paragraph *a*, or paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.18.1.3, the portion of the first paragraph before subparagraph *a* is to be read, as regards that amount for that fiscal period, without reference to "if that fiscal period begins before 26 March 2025 and" and as if "the second and fourth paragraphs" were replaced by "the second paragraph"."

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

90. (1) Section 1029.8.9.0.3 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

"A taxpayer, other than a tax-exempt taxpayer, who carries on a business in Canada and who encloses with the fiscal return the taxpayer is required to file for a particular taxation year under section 1000, or would be required to file if tax were payable under this Part by the taxpayer, the prescribed form containing prescribed information, is deemed, subject to the second and third paragraphs, to have paid to the Minister on the taxpayer's balance-due day for the particular year, on account of the taxpayer's tax payable for that year under this Part, an amount equal to 14% of the total of the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the taxpayer's eligible fee for the particular year in relation to an eligible research consortium, provided that eligible fee is attributable to a fee or dues paid in a taxation year of the taxpayer that begins before 26 March 2025, and the aggregate of all amounts each of which is, where the taxpayer is a member of an eligible research consortium at the end of the fiscal period of the eligible research consortium ending in the particular year, the taxpayer's eligible fee balance for the particular year in relation to that consortium, provided that the eligible fee balance is attributable to a fee or dues paid in a taxation year of the taxpayer that begins before 26 March 2025 and that the particular year ends before 1 January 2030.";

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Where an amount is deemed, for the purposes of this section, to be an eligible fee or an eligible fee balance of a taxpayer for a taxation year, because of paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.18.1 as a consequence of subparagraph ii of that paragraph *a*, the first paragraph is to be read, as regards that amount for that taxation year, as if “the second and third paragraphs” were replaced by “the second paragraph” and without reference to “and that the particular year ends before 1 January 2030”.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

91. (1) Section 1029.8.9.0.4 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

“Where a partnership carries on a business in Canada, every taxpayer, other than a tax-exempt taxpayer, who is a member of the partnership at the end of a particular fiscal period of the partnership in which the partnership paid an eligible fee to an eligible research consortium, who is not a specified member of the partnership in that fiscal period and who encloses with the fiscal return the taxpayer is required to file under section 1000, or would be required to file if tax were payable under this Part by the taxpayer, for the taxpayer’s taxation year in which the fiscal period ends, the prescribed form containing prescribed information, is deemed, subject to the second and fourth paragraphs, to have paid to the Minister on the taxpayer’s balance-due day for that year, on account of the taxpayer’s tax payable for that year under this Part, an amount equal to 14% of the taxpayer’s share of the total of the aggregate of all amounts each of which is, for the particular fiscal period, an eligible fee of the partnership in relation to an eligible research consortium, provided that eligible fee is attributable to a fee or dues paid in a fiscal period of the partnership that begins before 26 March 2025, and the aggregate of all amounts each of which is, where the partnership is a member of an eligible research consortium at the end of the fiscal period of the eligible research consortium ending in the particular fiscal period of the partnership, the partnership’s eligible fee balance for the particular fiscal period in relation to the eligible research consortium, provided that the eligible fee balance is attributable to a fee or dues paid in a fiscal period of the partnership that begins before 26 March 2025 and that the particular fiscal period ends before 1 January 2030.”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Where an amount is deemed, for the purposes of this section, to be either an eligible fee paid by a taxpayer or a taxpayer’s share of an eligible fee paid by a partnership for a fiscal period, or a taxpayer’s eligible fee balance or a taxpayer’s share of an eligible fee balance of a partnership for such a fiscal period, because of subparagraph ii of paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.18.1.1 or 1029.8.18.1.2, as the case may be, the first paragraph is to be read, as regards

that amount for that fiscal period, as if “the second and fourth paragraphs” were replaced by “the second paragraph” and without reference to “and that the particular fiscal period ends before 1 January 2030.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

92. (1) Section 1029.8.16.1.4 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph by the following:

“1029.8.16.1.4. A taxpayer, other than a public partner or a tax-exempt taxpayer within the meaning of paragraph *b.1* of section 1029.8.1, who carries on a business in Canada and has entered into an agreement with a person or partnership under which the parties agree to undertake scientific research and experimental development related to a business of the taxpayer, in Québec, or cause such research and development to be undertaken in Québec on their behalf as part of a contract, other than an excluded contract, is deemed, subject to the second and fifth paragraphs, to have paid to the Minister, on the taxpayer’s balance-due day for a taxation year in which the research and development was undertaken, on account of the taxpayer’s tax payable for that year under this Part, if that taxation year begins before 26 March 2025, if the conditions set out in the third paragraph are satisfied in respect of the parties to the agreement and if the taxpayer encloses the documents described in the fourth paragraph with the fiscal return the taxpayer is required to file under section 1000 for that year, or would be required to file if tax were payable under this Part by the taxpayer, an amount equal to 14% of the aggregate of”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Where an amount is deemed, for the purposes of this section, to be an expenditure for scientific research and experimental development undertaken in a taxation year because of subparagraph *i* of paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.18.1 or paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.18.1.3, the portion of the first paragraph before subparagraph *a* is to be read, as regards that amount for that taxation year, as if “the second and fifth paragraphs” were replaced by “the second paragraph” and without reference to “if that taxation year begins before 26 March 2025.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

93. (1) Section 1029.8.16.1.5 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph by the following:

“1029.8.16.1.5. If a particular partnership carries on a business in Canada and has entered into an agreement under which the parties agree to undertake scientific research and experimental development related to a business of the particular partnership, in Québec, or cause such research and development to be undertaken in Québec on their behalf as part of a contract,

other than an excluded contract, each taxpayer who is a member of the particular partnership at the end of a fiscal period of the particular partnership in which the research and development was undertaken and who is not a public partner, a tax-exempt taxpayer within the meaning of paragraph *b.1* of section 1029.8.1 or a specified member of the particular partnership in that fiscal period, is deemed, subject to the second and fifth paragraphs, to have paid to the Minister, on the taxpayer's balance-due day for the taxpayer's taxation year in which that fiscal period ends, on account of the taxpayer's tax payable for that year under this Part, if that fiscal period begins before 26 March 2025, if the conditions set out in the third paragraph are satisfied in respect of the parties to the agreement and if the taxpayer encloses the documents described in the fourth paragraph with the fiscal return the taxpayer is required to file under section 1000 for that year, or would be required to file if tax were payable under this Part by the taxpayer, 14% of the taxpayer's share of an amount equal to the aggregate of”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Where an amount is deemed, for the purposes of this section, to be an expenditure for scientific research and experimental development, or a share of an expenditure for scientific research and experimental development, undertaken in a fiscal period because of paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.18.1.1 or 1029.8.18.1.2, as a consequence of subparagraph *i* of that paragraph *a*, or paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.18.1.3, the portion of the first paragraph before subparagraph *a* is to be read, as regards that amount for that fiscal period, as if “the second and fifth paragraphs” were replaced by “the second paragraph” and without reference to “if that fiscal period begins before 26 March 2025.””

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

94. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following division before Division II.4.2 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX of Part I:

“DIVISION II.4.1.1

“CREDIT FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT AND PRE-COMMERCIALIZATION

“§1.—*Interpretation and general rules*

“1029.8.21.16.1. In this division,

“associated group” in a taxation year means all the qualified corporations that are associated with each other in the year;

“contract payment” means

(a) an amount paid or payable, by a taxable supplier in respect of the amount, for scientific research and experimental development, to the extent that the research and development has been undertaken for, or on behalf of, a person or partnership entitled to a deduction in respect of the amount under paragraph *b* or *c* of subsection 1 of section 222 or for, or on behalf of, a person or partnership that is carrying on a business in Canada and that would be entitled to such a deduction if the person or partnership had an establishment in Québec; or

(b) an amount in respect of an expenditure of a current nature, within the meaning of section 230.0.0.1.1, of a taxpayer, other than a prescribed amount, payable by the Gouvernement du Québec, the Government of Canada or the government of another province, by a municipality or other public authority in Canada or by a person exempt from tax under this Part because of any of sections 980 to 985 and 985.23 to 999.1 for scientific research and experimental development to be undertaken for, or on behalf of, the authority or person;

“controlled corporation” means a corporation that, in the 24 months preceding the date on which a contract referred to in any of subparagraphs *b* to *j* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4 is entered into or at a later time determined by the Minister, is controlled, directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever, by one or more of the following entities or persons:

(a) an eligible university entity;

(b) an eligible public research centre;

(c) an eligible research consortium;

(d) a trust one of the capital or income beneficiaries of which is an entity referred to in any of paragraphs *a* to *c*; or

(e) a corporation carrying on a personal services business;

“eligible public research centre” means a public research centre recognized as an eligible public research centre for the purposes of this division or a college centre for the transfer of technology that is authorized under the General and Vocational Colleges Act (chapter C-29);

“eligible research consortium” means a body recognized as an eligible research consortium for the purposes of this division, as well as any other prescribed body;

“eligible university entity” means a Québec university, a prescribed university hospital medical research centre, a subsidiary wholly-owned corporation of such a centre that is constituted exclusively for the prosecution or promotion of scientific research and experimental development, a non-profit corporation

under the authority of such a centre constituted principally for the prosecution or promotion of scientific research and experimental development, one of whose members is such a centre and one of whose applicants for articles of association is a member of the board of directors of the centre, or any other prescribed body;

“excluded corporation” means a corporation that

- (a) is exempt from tax under Book VIII;
- (b) would be exempt from tax under section 985, but for section 192; or
- (c) is a controlled corporation or a corporation related to a controlled corporation;

“expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities” has the meaning assigned by section 1029.8.21.16.4;

“expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities” has the meaning assigned by section 1029.8.21.16.3;

“pre-commercialization activities” means, subject to the second paragraph, the following activities carried out by or on behalf of a corporation or partnership, to the extent that they constitute a continuation of scientific research and experimental development undertaken in Québec by or on behalf of the corporation or partnership, in respect of a business of the corporation or partnership, as the case may be, but do not constitute scientific research and experimental development:

(a) tests, technological validations and studies conducted to meet regulatory requirements and aimed at obtaining initial approval or initial certification necessary for the commercialization of a product or process; and

(b) product design, provided that the design

i. is a creative activity stemming from a systematic and documented approach that consists in determining the formal, functional and symbolic properties of industrially manufactured products, and

ii. does not include

- (1) software or website design,
- (2) the design of a product according to characteristics that meet the specific needs of an individual who does not carry on a business and who has ordered the product,
- (3) layout design that consists in combining or adapting previously designed products to integrate them into a specific environment or site, or

(4) graphic design whose objective is to create visual communication objects, whether graphic artwork consisting in a written, figurative or symbolic representation of objects, facts or ideas, graphic artwork applied or printed on product packaging, or on publishing products such as books, publications or promotional documents, or graphic artwork pertaining to signage, business logos, advertising, identification codes, safety warnings, written user or operating instructions and legally required notices such as the place of manufacture;

“pre-commercialization employee” in respect of a corporation for a taxation year or of a partnership for a fiscal period means an employee for whom at least a portion of the wages is referred to in any of subparagraphs *a*, *b*, *d*, *f* and *h* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.4 for the year or fiscal period, as the case may be;

“qualified corporation” for a taxation year means a corporation, other than an excluded corporation for the year, that, in the year, carries on a business in Québec, has an establishment in Québec and undertakes or carries out, or causes to be undertaken or carried out on its behalf under a contract, scientific research and experimental development or pre-commercialization activities in Québec, in respect of a business of the corporation;

“qualified partnership” for a fiscal period means a partnership that, in the fiscal period, carries on a business in Québec, has an establishment in Québec and undertakes or carries out, or causes to be undertaken or carried out on its behalf under a contract, scientific research and experimental development or pre-commercialization activities in Québec, in respect of a business of the partnership;

“scientific research and experimental development employee” in respect of a corporation for a taxation year or of a partnership for a fiscal period means an employee for whom at least a portion of the wages is referred to in any of subparagraphs *a*, *b*, *d*, *f* and *h* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 for the year or fiscal period, as the case may be;

“taxable supplier” in respect of an amount means

(a) a person resident in Canada;

(b) a Canadian partnership; or

(c) a person not resident in Canada, or a partnership that is not a Canadian partnership, where the amount is paid or payable by that person or partnership in the course of carrying on a business through an establishment in Canada;

“wages” means the income computed under Chapters I and II of Title II of Book III.

For the purposes of the definition of “pre-commercialization activities” in the first paragraph, the following rules apply:

(a) an activity relating to the quality control of a product or process constitutes an activity referred to in paragraph *a* of that definition only if it relates to the implementation of a quality control system required to obtain initial approval or initial certification necessary for the commercialization of a product or process;

(b) an activity referred to in paragraph *b* of that definition may constitute a continuation of scientific research and experimental development even if it is carried out prior to the scientific research and experimental development; and

(c) despite subparagraph 4 of subparagraph ii of paragraph *b* of that definition, graphic design whose objective is to create visual communication objects that leads to the printing or application of graphic artwork directly on an industrially manufactured product is an activity referred to in paragraph *b* of that definition, to the extent that the design enhances the product either aesthetically or in terms of its functionality and in respect of which the following conditions are met:

i. the graphic artwork is created by a designer, who may make different versions of it, and

ii. it is not a modification or an adaptation of existing graphic artwork or of an existing motif.

“1029.8.21.16.2. For the purposes of this division, a corporation’s share of an amount, in relation to a partnership of which the corporation is a member at the end of a fiscal period, is equal to the agreed proportion of the amount in respect of the corporation for the fiscal period.

“§2. — Expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities and expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities

“1029.8.21.16.3. Subject to the third paragraph and section 1029.8.21.16.5, the expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities of a corporation for a taxation year or of a partnership for a fiscal period means the aggregate of all expenditures each of which concerns a business of the corporation or partnership, as the case may be, and is

(a) the wages paid by the corporation or partnership in respect of scientific research and experimental development undertaken in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, to its employees of an establishment situated in Québec;

(b) the portion of the consideration paid under a contract by the corporation or partnership in respect of scientific research and experimental development undertaken on its behalf in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may

be, to a person or another partnership with which the corporation or a member of the partnership, as applicable, was not dealing at arm's length at the time the contract was entered into and that has undertaken all or part of the research and development, that can reasonably be attributed to wages paid to the employees of an establishment of the person or other partnership situated in Québec or that could be so attributed if that person or other partnership had such employees;

(c) one-half of the portion of the consideration paid under a contract by the corporation or partnership to a person or another partnership that has an establishment situated in Québec and with which the corporation or each member of the partnership, as applicable, was dealing at arm's length at the time the contract was entered into,

i. that can reasonably be attributed to scientific research and experimental development undertaken on its behalf in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by the employees of an establishment of the person or other partnership situated in Québec, or that could be so attributed if that person or other partnership had such employees, or

ii. that can reasonably be attributed to scientific research and experimental development undertaken on its behalf in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by an individual, other than a trust, who is, where the person is a corporation, a shareholder of that person or who is a member of the other partnership;

(d) the portion of the consideration paid by the corporation or partnership under a particular contract, other than a contract by which it causes scientific research and experimental development to be undertaken on its behalf, for work carried out in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, relating to scientific research and experimental development undertaken in Québec in any taxation year or fiscal period, as the case may be, to a person or another partnership with which the corporation or a member of the partnership, as applicable, was not dealing at arm's length at the time the particular contract was entered into and that has carried out all or part of the work, that can reasonably be attributed to wages paid to the employees of an establishment of the person or other partnership situated in Québec or that could be so attributed if that person or other partnership had such employees;

(e) one-half of the portion of the consideration paid by the corporation or partnership under a particular contract, other than a contract by which it causes scientific research and experimental development to be undertaken on its behalf, for work relating to scientific research and experimental development undertaken in Québec in any taxation year or fiscal period, to a person or another partnership that has an establishment situated in Québec and with which the corporation or each member of the partnership, as applicable, was dealing at arm's length at the time the particular contract was entered into,

i. that can reasonably be attributed to the work carried out in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by the employees of an establishment of that person or other partnership, as the case may be, situated in Québec, or that could be so attributed if that person or other partnership had such employees, or

ii. that can reasonably be attributed to the work carried out in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by an individual, other than a trust, who is, where the person is a corporation, a shareholder of that person or who is a member of the other partnership;

(f) the portion of the consideration paid under a contract by the corporation or partnership in respect of scientific research and experimental development undertaken on its behalf in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, to a person or another partnership with which the corporation or a member of the partnership was not dealing at arm's length at the time the contract was entered into, and paid again by the person or other partnership, under a particular contract, in respect of that research and development, to another person or partnership (in this section referred to as a "second-tier subcontractor") with which the corporation or a member of the partnership was not dealing at arm's length at the time the particular contract was entered into and that has undertaken all or part of the research and development, that can reasonably be attributed to wages paid to the employees of an establishment of the second-tier subcontractor situated in Québec or that could be so attributed if that second-tier subcontractor had such employees;

(g) one-half of the portion of the consideration paid under a contract by the corporation or partnership to a person or another partnership with which the corporation or a member of the partnership, as applicable, was not dealing at arm's length at the time the contract was entered into, and paid again by that person or other partnership, under a particular contract, to a second-tier subcontractor that has an establishment situated in Québec and with which the corporation or each member of the partnership, as applicable, was dealing at arm's length at the time the particular contract was entered into,

i. that can reasonably be attributed to scientific research and experimental development undertaken on its behalf in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by the employees of an establishment of the second-tier subcontractor situated in Québec, or that could be so attributed if that second-tier subcontractor had such employees, or

ii. that can reasonably be attributed to scientific research and experimental development undertaken on its behalf in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by an individual, other than a trust, who is, where the second-tier subcontractor is a corporation, a shareholder of that second-tier subcontractor or who is a member of the second-tier subcontractor, where the latter is a partnership;

(h) the portion of the consideration paid by the corporation or partnership under a particular contract, other than a contract by which it causes scientific research and experimental development to be undertaken on its behalf, for

work carried out in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, relating to scientific research and experimental development undertaken in any taxation year or fiscal period, to a person or another partnership with which the corporation or a member of the partnership, as applicable, was not dealing at arm's length at the time the particular contract was entered into, and paid again by that person or other partnership, under another particular contract, to a second-tier subcontractor with which the corporation or a member of the partnership, as applicable, was not dealing at arm's length at the time the other particular contract was entered into and that has undertaken all or part of the work, that can reasonably be attributed to wages paid to the employees of an establishment of the second-tier subcontractor situated in Québec or that could be so attributed if that second-tier subcontractor had such employees;

(i) one-half of the portion of the consideration paid by the corporation or partnership under a particular contract, other than a contract by which it causes scientific research and experimental development to be undertaken on its behalf, for work relating to scientific research and experimental development undertaken in Québec in any taxation year or fiscal period, to a person or another partnership with which the corporation or a member of the partnership was not dealing at arm's length at the time the particular contract was entered into, and paid again by that person or other partnership, under another particular contract, to a second-tier subcontractor that has an establishment situated in Québec and with which the corporation or each member of the partnership, as applicable, was dealing at arm's length at the time the other particular contract was entered into,

i. that can reasonably be attributed to the work carried out in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by the employees of an establishment of the second-tier subcontractor situated in Québec, or that could be so attributed if that second-tier subcontractor had such employees, or

ii. that can reasonably be attributed to the work carried out in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by an individual, other than a trust, who is, where the second-tier subcontractor is a corporation, a shareholder of that second-tier subcontractor or who is a member of the second-tier subcontractor, where the latter is a partnership;

(j) except to the extent that it is referred to in subparagraph *c*, one-half of the portion of a payment made by the corporation or partnership, under a contract, to an eligible public research centre, an eligible research consortium or an eligible university entity with which the corporation or each member of the partnership, as applicable, was dealing at arm's length at the time the contract was entered into, that can reasonably be attributed to expenditures that

i. are made for scientific research and experimental development undertaken in Québec in the corporation's year or the partnership's fiscal period, as the case may be, and in respect of which the corporation or partnership is entitled to exploit the results, and

ii. would not be expenditures referred to in section 1029.8.21.16.5 in respect of the eligible public research centre, eligible research consortium or eligible university entity, as the case may be, if that centre, consortium or entity were a corporation; or

(k) subject to the second paragraph, an expenditure of a capital nature that is incurred by the corporation in the year or by the partnership in the fiscal period, as the case may be, and that relates to the acquisition of a property

i. all or substantially all of which is used solely in Québec for scientific research and experimental development or pre-commercialization activities undertaken or carried out by or on behalf of the corporation or partnership, as the case may be, and mainly for scientific research and experimental development, and

ii. that, before its acquisition by the corporation or partnership, as applicable, was neither used for any purpose nor acquired to be used or leased for any purpose whatsoever.

For the purposes of subparagraph *k* of the first paragraph, the following rules apply:

(a) an expenditure of a capital nature does not include

i. an expenditure relating to the acquisition of land or of a leasehold interest in the land,

ii. an expenditure relating to the acquisition of a building, including a leasehold interest in the building, or

iii. an expenditure relating to the acquisition of a right of use of a building;

(b) an expenditure in respect of a property is deemed to have been incurred only from the time the property is considered to have become available for use; and

(c) no amount may be deemed to have been paid to the Minister by a corporation for a particular taxation year under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14, in relation to an expenditure referred to in subparagraph *k* of the first paragraph or its share of such an expenditure, where, at any time during the period described in the third paragraph, all or substantially all of the property ceases, otherwise than by reason of its loss, the involuntary destruction of the property by fire, theft or water, or a major breakdown of the property, to be used solely in Québec for scientific research and experimental development undertaken, as the case may be,

i. by or on behalf of the corporation or partnership, as the case may be, or

ii. by a subsequent purchaser of the property that acquired it in any of the circumstances in which section 130R149 of the Regulation respecting the Taxation Act (chapter I-3, r. 1) applies, where the subsequent purchaser owns it at the time referred to in the portion of subparagraph *c* before subparagraph *i*.

The period to which subparagraph *c* of the second paragraph refers is the period that begins on the particular day on which the property begins to be used by its first purchaser or by a subsequent purchaser that acquired the property in any of the circumstances in which section 130R149 of the Regulation respecting the Taxation Act applies and ends on the earliest of

(a) the last day of the property's expected useful life;

(b) the 730th day following the particular day; and

(c) the corporation's filing-due date for the particular taxation year or the last day of the six-month period following the end of the partnership's fiscal period that ends in the particular year, as the case may be.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, the following rules apply:

(a) an expenditure (other than an expenditure referred to in subparagraph *k* of the first paragraph) is included in the expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities only if it is an expenditure referred to in subsection 1 of section 222; and

(b) the portion of the consideration paid by a corporation or a partnership under a contract that is referred to in any of subparagraphs *d*, *e*, *h* and *i* of the first paragraph is to be reduced by the amount of the consideration for the disposition of a property to the corporation or partnership, other than a property resulting from scientific research and experimental development.

“1029.8.21.16.4. Subject to section 1029.8.21.16.5, the expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities of a corporation for a taxation year or of a partnership for a fiscal period means the aggregate of all expenditures each of which concerns a business of the corporation or partnership, as the case may be, and is

(a) the wages paid by the corporation or partnership in respect of pre-commercialization activities carried out in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, to its employees of an establishment situated in Québec;

(b) the portion of the consideration paid under a contract by the corporation or partnership in respect of pre-commercialization activities carried out on its behalf in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, to a person or another partnership with which the corporation or a member of the partnership, as applicable, was not dealing at arm's length at the time the

contract was entered into and that has carried out all or part of the activities, that can reasonably be attributed to wages paid to the employees of an establishment of the person or other partnership situated in Québec or that could be so attributed if that person or other partnership had such employees;

(c) one-half of the portion of the consideration paid under a contract by the corporation or partnership to a person or another partnership that has an establishment situated in Québec and with which the corporation or each member of the partnership, as applicable, was dealing at arm's length at the time the contract was entered into,

i. that can reasonably be attributed to pre-commercialization activities carried out on its behalf in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by the employees of an establishment of the person or other partnership situated in Québec, or that could be so attributed if that person or other partnership had such employees, or

ii. that can reasonably be attributed to pre-commercialization activities carried out on its behalf in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by an individual, other than a trust, who is, where the person is a corporation, a shareholder of that person or who is a member of the other partnership;

(d) the portion of the consideration paid by the corporation or partnership under a particular contract, other than a contract by which it causes pre-commercialization activities to be carried out on its behalf, for work carried out in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, relating to pre-commercialization activities carried out in Québec in any taxation year or fiscal period, as the case may be, to a person or another partnership with which the corporation or a member of the partnership, as applicable, was not dealing at arm's length at the time the particular contract was entered into and that has carried out all or part of the work, that can reasonably be attributed to wages paid to the employees of an establishment of the person or other partnership situated in Québec or that could be so attributed if that person or other partnership had such employees;

(e) one-half of the portion of the consideration paid by the corporation or partnership under a particular contract, other than a contract by which it causes pre-commercialization activities to be carried out on its behalf, for work relating to pre-commercialization activities carried out in Québec in any taxation year or fiscal period, to a person or another partnership that has an establishment situated in Québec and with which the corporation or each member of the partnership, as applicable, was dealing at arm's length at the time the particular contract was entered into,

i. that can reasonably be attributed to the work carried out in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by the employees of an establishment of that person or other partnership, as the case may be, situated in Québec or that could be so attributed if that person or other partnership had such employees, or

ii. that can reasonably be attributed to the work carried out in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by an individual, other than a trust, who is, where the person is a corporation, a shareholder of that person or who is a member of the other partnership;

(f) the portion of the consideration paid under a contract by the corporation or partnership in respect of pre-commercialization activities carried out on its behalf in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, to a person or another partnership with which the corporation or a member of the partnership was not dealing at arm's length at the time the contract was entered into, and paid again by the person or other partnership, under a particular contract, in respect of those activities, to another person or partnership (in this section referred to as a "second-tier subcontractor") with which the corporation or a member of the partnership was not dealing at arm's length at the time the particular contract was entered into and that has carried out all or part of the activities, that can reasonably be attributed to wages paid to the employees of an establishment of the second-tier subcontractor situated in Québec or that could be so attributed if that second-tier subcontractor had such employees;

(g) one-half of the portion of the consideration paid under a contract by the corporation or partnership to a person or another partnership with which the corporation or a member of the partnership, as applicable, was not dealing at arm's length at the time the contract was entered into, and paid again by that person or other partnership, under a particular contract, to a second-tier subcontractor that has an establishment situated in Québec and with which the corporation or each member of the partnership, as applicable, was dealing at arm's length at the time the particular contract was entered into,

i. that can reasonably be attributed to pre-commercialization activities carried out on its behalf in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by the employees of an establishment of the second-tier subcontractor situated in Québec or that could be so attributed if that second-tier subcontractor had such employees, or

ii. that can reasonably be attributed to pre-commercialization activities carried out on its behalf in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by an individual, other than a trust, who is, where the second-tier subcontractor is a corporation, a shareholder of that second-tier subcontractor or who is a member of the second-tier subcontractor, where the latter is a partnership;

(h) the portion of the consideration paid by the corporation or partnership under a particular contract, other than a contract by which it causes pre-commercialization activities to be carried out on its behalf, for work carried out in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, relating to pre-commercialization activities carried out in any taxation year or fiscal period, to a person or another partnership with which the corporation or a member of the partnership, as applicable, was not dealing at arm's length at the time the particular contract was entered into, and paid again by that person or other partnership, under another particular contract, to a second-tier subcontractor

with which the corporation or a member of the partnership, as applicable, was not dealing at arm's length at the time the other particular contract was entered into and that has carried out all or part of the work, that can reasonably be attributed to wages paid to the employees of an establishment of the second-tier subcontractor situated in Québec or that could be so attributed if that second-tier subcontractor had such employees;

(i) one-half of the portion of the consideration paid by the corporation or partnership under a particular contract, other than a contract by which it causes pre-commercialization activities to be carried out on its behalf, for work relating to pre-commercialization activities carried out in Québec in any taxation year or fiscal period, to a person or another partnership with which the corporation or a member of the partnership was not dealing at arm's length at the time the particular contract was entered into, and paid again by that person or other partnership, under another particular contract, to a second-tier subcontractor that has an establishment situated in Québec and with which the corporation or each member of the partnership, as applicable, was dealing at arm's length at the time the other particular contract was entered into,

i. that can reasonably be attributed to the work carried out in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by the employees of an establishment of the second-tier subcontractor situated in Québec or that could be so attributed if that second-tier subcontractor had such employees, or

ii. that can reasonably be attributed to the work carried out in Québec in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, by an individual, other than a trust, who is, where the second-tier subcontractor is a corporation, a shareholder of that second-tier subcontractor or who is a member of the second-tier subcontractor, where the latter is a partnership;

(j) except to the extent that it is referred to in subparagraph *c*, one-half of the portion of a payment made by the corporation or partnership, under a contract, to an eligible public research centre, an eligible research consortium or an eligible university entity with which the corporation or each member of the partnership, as applicable, was dealing at arm's length at the time the contract was entered into, that can reasonably be attributed to expenditures that

i. are made for pre-commercialization activities carried out in Québec in the corporation's year or the partnership's fiscal period, as the case may be, and in respect of which the corporation or partnership is entitled to exploit the results, and

ii. would not be expenditures referred to in section 1029.8.21.16.5 in respect of the eligible public research centre, eligible research consortium or eligible university entity, as the case may be, if that centre, consortium or entity were a corporation; or

(*k*) subject to the second paragraph, an expenditure of a capital nature, other than an expenditure described in subparagraph *k* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3, that is incurred by the corporation in the year or by the partnership in the fiscal period, as the case may be, and that relates to the acquisition of a property

i. all or substantially all of which is used solely in Québec for scientific research and experimental development or pre-commercialization activities undertaken or carried out by or on behalf of the corporation or partnership, as the case may be, and

ii. that, before its acquisition by the corporation or partnership, as applicable, was neither used for any purpose nor acquired to be used or leased for any purpose whatsoever.

For the purposes of subparagraph *k* of the first paragraph, the following rules apply:

(*a*) an expenditure of a capital nature does not include

i. an expenditure relating to the acquisition of land or of a leasehold interest in the land,

ii. an expenditure relating to the acquisition of a building, including a leasehold interest in the building, or

iii. an expenditure relating to the acquisition of a right of use of a building;

(*b*) an expenditure in respect of a property is deemed to have been incurred only from the time the property is considered to have become available for use; and

(*c*) no amount may be deemed to have been paid to the Minister by a corporation for a particular taxation year under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14, in relation to an expenditure referred to in subparagraph *k* of the first paragraph or its share of such an expenditure, where, at any time during the period described in the third paragraph, all or substantially all of the property ceases, otherwise than by reason of its loss, the involuntary destruction of the property by fire, theft or water, or a major breakdown of the property, to be used solely in Québec for pre-commercialization activities carried out, as the case may be,

i. by or on behalf of the corporation or partnership, as the case may be, or

ii. by a subsequent purchaser of the property that acquired it in any of the circumstances in which section 130R149 of the Regulation respecting the Taxation Act (chapter I-3, r. 1) applies, where the subsequent purchaser owns it at the time referred to in the portion of subparagraph *c* before subparagraph *i*.

The period to which subparagraph *c* of the second paragraph refers is the period that begins on the particular day on which the property begins to be used by its first purchaser or by a subsequent purchaser that acquired the property in any of the circumstances in which section 130R149 of the Regulation respecting the Taxation Act applies and ends on the earliest of

- (a) the last day of the property's expected useful life;
- (b) the 730th day following the particular day; and

(c) the corporation's filing-due date for the particular taxation year or the last day of the six-month period following the end of the partnership's fiscal period that ends in the particular year, as the case may be.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, the following rules apply:

(a) unless otherwise provided in this division, the rules set out in Division XI of Chapter V of Title III of Book III for determining whether an expenditure is referred to in subsection 1 of section 222 apply, with the necessary modifications, to determine whether an expenditure, other than an expenditure referred to in subparagraph *k* of the first paragraph, is included in a corporation's or a partnership's expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities; and

(b) the portion of the consideration paid by a corporation or a partnership under a contract that is referred to in any of subparagraphs *d*, *e*, *h* and *i* of the first paragraph is to be reduced by the amount of the consideration for the disposition of a property to the corporation or partnership, other than a property resulting from pre-commercialization activities.

1029.8.21.16.5. Despite sections 1029.8.21.16.3 and 1029.8.21.16.4, the expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities of a corporation or a partnership and the expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities of a corporation or a partnership do not include

- (a) an expenditure referred to in paragraph *a* or *b* of section 230.0.0.2;
- (b) an expenditure specified for the purposes of clause A of subparagraph ii of paragraph *a* of subsection 2 of section 194 of the Income Tax Act (R.S.C. 1985, c. 1 (5th Suppl.));
- (c) an expenditure of a current nature incurred by or on behalf of the corporation or partnership in respect of the general administration or management of a business, including
 - i. the administrative salary or wages, including related benefits, of a person none or substantially none of whose duties are oriented toward the prosecution of scientific research and experimental development or pre-commercialization activities, as the case may be, except to the extent that such expenditure is a prescribed expenditure,

- ii. a legal or accounting fee,
 - iii. an amount referred to in any of sections 147, 148, 160, 161, 163, 176, 176.4 and 179,
 - iv. an entertainment expense,
 - v. an advertising or selling expense,
 - vi. a conference or convention expense,
 - vii. a due or fee in respect of membership in a scientific or technical organization, and
 - viii. a fine or penalty;
- (d) an expenditure of a current nature incurred by or on behalf of the corporation or partnership for the maintenance and upkeep of premises, facilities or equipment to the extent that the expenditure is not attributable to the prosecution of scientific research and experimental development or pre-commercialization activities, as the case may be;
- (e) an expenditure made to acquire rights in, or arising out of, scientific research and experimental development or pre-commercialization activities;
- (f) an expenditure in respect of which an amount is deductible in computing taxable income under sections 710 to 716.0.11;
- (g) an expenditure, to the extent that the corporation or partnership having incurred it or, where applicable, the person or partnership having incurred it on its behalf has received or is entitled to receive a reimbursement in respect of the expenditure from a person resident in Canada, other than
- i. the State or His Majesty in right of Canada or a province, other than Québec,
 - ii. a mandatary of the State or of His Majesty in right of Canada or a province, other than Québec,
 - iii. a corporation, commission or association that is controlled, directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever, by the State or His Majesty in right of Canada or a province, other than Québec, or by a mandatary of the State or of His Majesty in right of Canada or a province, other than Québec, or
 - iv. a municipality in Canada or a municipal or public body performing a function of government in Canada; and
- (h) an expenditure, to the extent that the corporation or partnership having incurred it or, where applicable, the person or partnership having incurred it on its behalf has received or is entitled to receive a reimbursement in respect

of the expenditure from a person not resident in Canada and to the extent that the reimbursement is deductible in computing the person's taxable income earned in Canada for a taxation year.

“§3. — *Expenditure limit eligible for a tax credit enhancement*

“**1029.8.21.16.6.** For the purposes of this division, a corporation's expenditure limit eligible for a tax credit enhancement for a taxation year is equal to

(a) where the corporation is not a member of an associated group in the year, \$1,000,000; or

(b) where the corporation is a member of an associated group in the year,

i. the amount attributed for the year to the corporation pursuant to the agreement described in section 1029.8.21.16.7 and filed with the Minister in the prescribed form, or

ii. if no amount is attributed to the corporation under the agreement to which subparagraph i refers or in the absence of such an agreement, zero, subject to section 1029.8.21.16.8.

“**1029.8.21.16.7.** The agreement to which subparagraph i of paragraph *b* of section 1029.8.21.16.6 refers is the agreement under which all the corporations that are members of the associated group in the year attribute, for the purposes of this division, to one or more of their number, for the year, one or more amounts the total of which does not exceed \$1,000,000.

Where the aggregate of the amounts attributed, in respect of a taxation year, pursuant to an agreement described in the first paragraph and entered into by the corporations that are members of an associated group in the year exceeds \$1,000,000, the amount determined under subparagraph i of paragraph *b* of section 1029.8.21.16.6 in respect of each of those corporations for the taxation year is deemed, for the purposes of this division, to be equal to the amount obtained by multiplying \$1,000,000 by the proportion that the amount that was attributed to the corporation in the agreement, in respect of the year, is of the aggregate of the amounts that were so attributed.

“**1029.8.21.16.8.** Where corporations are part, in a taxation year, of an associated group and where a corporation that is a member of that group fails to file with the Minister the agreement to which subparagraph i of paragraph *b* of section 1029.8.21.16.6 refers within 30 days after notice in writing by the Minister has been sent to such a corporation that such an agreement is required for the purposes of any assessment of tax under this Part or for the determination of another amount, the Minister attributes, for the purposes of this division, an amount to one or more of those corporations for the taxation year, which amount or the aggregate of which amounts, as the case may be, must be equal to \$1,000,000, and in such a case, despite subparagraph ii of that paragraph *b*,

the expenditure limit eligible for a tax credit enhancement of each of those corporations that are members of that group, for the year, is equal to the amount so attributed to it.

“1029.8.21.16.9. Despite sections 1029.8.21.16.6 to 1029.8.21.16.8, the following rules apply:

(a) where a corporation that is a member of an associated group (in this paragraph referred to as the “first entity”) has more than one taxation year ending in the same calendar year and is associated in at least two of those taxation years with another corporation that is a member of the group and that has a taxation year ending in that calendar year, the first entity’s expenditure limit eligible for a tax credit enhancement for each particular taxation year that ends in the calendar year in which it is associated with the other corporation and after the first taxation year ending in that calendar year is, subject to paragraph *b*, an amount equal to the lesser of

i. its expenditure limit eligible for a tax credit enhancement for that first taxation year, determined without reference to this section, and

ii. its expenditure limit eligible for a tax credit enhancement for the particular taxation year, determined without reference to this section; and

(b) where a corporation’s taxation year has fewer than 51 weeks, the corporation’s expenditure limit eligible for a tax credit enhancement for the year is equal to the amount obtained by multiplying its expenditure limit eligible for a tax credit enhancement for the year, determined without reference to this paragraph, by the proportion that the number of days in the year is of 365.

“1029.8.21.16.10. Where it can reasonably be considered that one of the main reasons for the separate existence of two or more corporations in a taxation year is to increase the amount that a corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister under this division for the year, those corporations are deemed, for the purposes of this division, to be associated with each other in the year.

“§4. — *Exclusion thresholds*

“1029.8.21.16.11. The exclusion threshold relating to scientific research and experimental development activities of a corporation for a taxation year or of a partnership for a fiscal period is equal to

(a) if the aggregate of the amount referred to in subparagraph *b* and the amount referred to in subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.12 for the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, is less than the product (in this subparagraph referred to as the “particular amount”) obtained by multiplying \$50,000 by the proportion that the number of days in the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, is of 365, the portion of the

particular amount that is designated as such, in the prescribed form, by the corporation for the year or the partnership for the fiscal period, as the case may be, provided that portion

i. does not exceed the expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities of the corporation for the year or of the partnership for the fiscal period, as the case may be, and

ii. is not less than the lesser of

(1) the amount by which the particular amount exceeds the expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities of the corporation for the year or of the partnership for the fiscal period, as the case may be, and

(2) the expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities of the corporation for the year or of the partnership for the fiscal period, as the case may be; or

(b) in any other case, the lesser of the expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities of the corporation for the year or of the partnership for the fiscal period, as the case may be, and of the aggregate of all amounts each of which is determined in relation to a scientific research and experimental development employee in respect of the corporation or partnership, as the case may be, and is equal to the lesser of

i. the portion of the wages that is paid to the employee and taken into account in determining the expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities of the corporation for the year or of the partnership for the fiscal period, as the case may be, and

ii. the amount determined in respect of the employee by the formula

$$A \times (B/C).$$

In the formula in subparagraph ii of subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph,

(a) *A* is the product obtained by multiplying the amount in dollars mentioned in section 752.0.0.1 that, with reference to section 750.2, is applicable for the calendar year in which the corporation's taxation year or the partnership's fiscal period, as the case may be, begins by the proportion that the number of days in the period of that taxation year or fiscal period, as the case may be, during which the employee is in the employ of any of the following entities is of 365:

i. the corporation or partnership, as the case may be,

ii. a person or another partnership referred to in subparagraph *b* or *d* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3, or

iii. a second-tier subcontractor referred to in subparagraph *f* or *h* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3;

(b) B is the portion of the wages that is paid to the employee and taken into account in determining the expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities of the corporation for the year or of the partnership for the fiscal period, as the case may be; and

(c) C is the portion of the wages paid by an entity listed in any of subparagraphs i to iii of subparagraph *a* to an employee in the corporation's taxation year or the partnership's fiscal period, as the case may be.

“1029.8.21.16.12. The exclusion threshold relating to pre-commercialization activities of a corporation for a taxation year or of a partnership for a fiscal period is equal to

(a) if the aggregate of the amount referred to in subparagraph *b* and the amount referred to in subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.11 for the year or fiscal period, as the case may be, is less than the particular amount referred to in subparagraph *a* of that first paragraph, the lesser of the expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities of the corporation for the year or of the partnership for the fiscal period, as the case may be, and the amount by which the particular amount exceeds the exclusion threshold relating to scientific research and experimental development activities of the corporation for the year or of the partnership for the fiscal period, as the case may be; or

(b) in any other case, the lesser of the expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities of the corporation for the year or of the partnership for the fiscal period, as the case may be, and the aggregate of all amounts each of which is determined in relation to a pre-commercialization employee in respect of the corporation or partnership, as the case may be, and is equal to the lesser of

i. the portion of the wages that is paid to the employee and taken into account in determining the expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities of the corporation for the year or of the partnership for the fiscal period, as the case may be, and

ii. the amount determined in respect of the employee by the formula

$$A \times (B/C).$$

In the formula in subparagraph ii of subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph,

(a) A is the product obtained by multiplying the amount in dollars mentioned in section 752.0.0.1 that, with reference to section 750.2, is applicable for the calendar year in which the corporation's taxation year or the partnership's fiscal period, as the case may be, begins by the proportion that the number of days in the period of that taxation year or fiscal period, as the case may be, during which the employee is in the employ of any of the following entities is of 365:

i. the corporation or partnership, as the case may be,

ii. a person or another partnership referred to in subparagraph *b* or *d* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.4, or

iii. a second-tier subcontractor referred to in subparagraph *f* or *h* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.4;

(*b*) B is the portion of the wages that is paid to the employee and taken into account in determining the expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities of the corporation for the year or of the partnership for the fiscal period, as the case may be; and

(*c*) C is the portion of the wages paid by an entity listed in any of subparagraphs i to iii of subparagraph *a* to the employee in the corporation's taxation year or the partnership's fiscal period, as the case may be.

“§5. — *Credits*

“**1029.8.21.16.13.** A qualified corporation for a taxation year that encloses the documents referred to in the fourth paragraph with the fiscal return it is required to file for the year under section 1000 is deemed, subject to the third paragraph and section 1029.8.21.16.15, to have paid to the Minister, on its balance-due day for the year, on account of its tax payable for the year under this Part, an amount equal to the aggregate of

(*a*) the amount determined by the formula

$20\% \times [(A - B) + (C - D)]$; and

(*b*) an amount equal to 10% of the lesser of the corporation's expenditure limit eligible for a tax credit enhancement for the year and the amount determined by the formula

$(E - B) + (F - D)$.

In the formulas in the first paragraph,

(*a*) A is the corporation's expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities for the year;

(*b*) B is the corporation's exclusion threshold relating to scientific research and experimental development activities for the year;

(*c*) C is the corporation's expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities for the year;

(*d*) D is the corporation's exclusion threshold relating to pre-commercialization activities for the year;

(e) E is the portion of the corporation's expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities designated by the corporation in the prescribed form for the year; and

(f) F is the portion of the corporation's expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities designated by the corporation in the prescribed form for the year.

For the purpose of computing the payments that a corporation is required to make under subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph of section 1027, or any of sections 1159.7, 1175 and 1175.19 where they refer to that subparagraph *a*, the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister, on account of the aggregate of its tax payable for the year under this Part and of its tax payable for the year under Parts IV.1, VI and VI.1, on the date on or before which each payment is required to be made, an amount equal to the lesser of

(a) the amount by which the amount determined under the first paragraph for the year exceeds the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the portion of that amount that can reasonably be considered to be deemed to have been paid to the Minister under this paragraph in the year but before that date; and

(b) the amount by which the amount of that payment, determined without reference to this chapter, exceeds the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that is deemed, under this chapter but otherwise than under the first paragraph, to have been paid to the Minister on that date, for the purpose of computing that payment.

The documents to which the first paragraph refers are the following:

(a) the prescribed form containing prescribed information; and

(b) the agreement described in section 1029.8.21.16.7, where applicable.

“1029.8.21.16.14. A corporation, other than an excluded corporation, that is a member of a qualified partnership at the end of a fiscal period of the partnership ending in a taxation year of the corporation, that is not a specified member of the partnership for the fiscal period and that encloses the prescribed form containing prescribed information with the fiscal return it is required to file for the year under section 1000 is deemed, subject to the third paragraph and section 1029.8.21.16.15, to have paid to the Minister, on its balance-due day for the year, on account of its tax payable for the year under this Part, the amount determined by the formula

$$20\% \times [(A - B) + (C - D)].$$

In the formula in the first paragraph,

(a) A is the corporation's share of the partnership's expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities for the fiscal period;

(b) B is the corporation's share of the partnership's exclusion threshold relating to scientific research and experimental development activities for the fiscal period;

(c) C is the corporation's share of the partnership's expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities for the fiscal period; and

(d) D is the corporation's share of the partnership's exclusion threshold relating to pre-commercialization activities for the fiscal period.

For the purpose of computing the payments that a corporation is required to make under subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph of section 1027, or any of sections 1159.7, 1175 and 1175.19 where they refer to that subparagraph *a*, the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister, on account of the aggregate of its tax payable for the year under this Part and of its tax payable for the year under Parts IV.1, VI and VI.1, on the date on or before which each payment is required to be made, an amount equal to the lesser of

(a) the amount by which the amount determined under the first paragraph for the year exceeds the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the portion of that amount that can reasonably be considered to be deemed to have been paid to the Minister under this paragraph in the year but before that date; and

(b) the amount by which the amount of that payment, determined without reference to this chapter, exceeds the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that is deemed, under this chapter but otherwise than under the first paragraph, to have been paid to the Minister on that date, for the purpose of computing that payment.

“1029.8.21.16.15. A corporation may be deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister on account of its tax payable for a taxation year under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14 in respect of an expenditure that is a portion of a consideration referred to in any of subparagraphs *c*, *e*, *g* and *i* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4, as the case may be, only if, within the time limit provided for in the first paragraph of section 1029.6.0.1.2 that applies to it for the year, the corporation files with the Minister the prescribed form referred to in that paragraph and containing the following information:

(a) in the case of an expenditure that is a portion of a consideration referred to in subparagraph *c* or *e* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4, as the case may be,

i. the name of the person or other partnership referred to in that subparagraph with which the corporation or the partnership of which it is a member has entered into the contract or particular contract, as the case may be, referred to in that subparagraph, the registration number assigned to that person or other partnership in accordance with the Act respecting the Québec sales tax (chapter T-0.1) and, if the person is an individual, the person's Social Insurance Number,

ii. the total amount of the consideration provided for in the contract or particular contract, as the case may be, referred to in that subparagraph in respect of the scientific research and experimental development, work relating to the scientific research and experimental development, pre-commercialization activities or work relating to such activities, as the case may be, referred to in that section, and

iii. the amount of the portion of the consideration provided for in the contract or particular contract, as the case may be, referred to in that subparagraph that is paid in the year or, where the corporation is a member of a partnership, in the partnership's fiscal period ending in the year, in respect of the scientific research and experimental development, work relating to the scientific research and experimental development, pre-commercialization activities or work relating to such activities, as the case may be, referred to in that section;

(b) in the case of an expenditure that is a portion of a consideration referred to in subparagraph g of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4, as the case may be,

i. the name of the second-tier subcontractor referred to in that subparagraph with which the person or other partnership has entered into the particular contract referred to in that subparagraph, the registration number assigned to that second-tier subcontractor in accordance with the Act respecting the Québec sales tax and, if the second-tier subcontractor is an individual, the subcontractor's Social Insurance Number,

ii. the total amount of the consideration provided for in the particular contract referred to in that subparagraph that is to be paid to the second-tier subcontractor and that relates to scientific research, experimental development or pre-commercialization activities referred to in that section that the corporation or the partnership of which it is a member causes to be undertaken or carried out on its behalf under the contract referred to in that subparagraph that the corporation or the partnership of which it is a member has entered into with the person or other partnership referred to in that subparagraph, and

iii. the amount of the portion of the consideration provided for in the particular contract referred to in that subparagraph that is paid in the year or, where the corporation is a member of a partnership, in the partnership's fiscal period ending in the year, to the second-tier subcontractor and that relates to scientific research, experimental development or pre-commercialization activities referred to in that section that the corporation or the partnership of which it is a member causes to be undertaken or carried out on its behalf under

the contract referred to in that subparagraph that the corporation or the partnership of which it is a member has entered into with the person or other partnership referred to in that subparagraph; or

(c) in the case of an expenditure that is a portion of a consideration referred to in subparagraph *i* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4, as the case may be,

i. the name of the second-tier subcontractor referred to in that subparagraph with which the person or other partnership has entered into the other particular contract referred to in that subparagraph, the registration number assigned to that second-tier subcontractor in accordance with the Act respecting the Québec sales tax and, if the second-tier subcontractor is an individual, the second-tier subcontractor's Social Insurance Number,

ii. the total amount of the consideration provided for in the other particular contract referred to in that subparagraph that is to be paid to the second-tier subcontractor and that relates to the work relating to scientific research and experimental development or the work relating to pre-commercialization activities referred to in that section that the corporation or the partnership of which it is a member causes to be undertaken or carried out under the particular contract referred to in that subparagraph that the corporation or the partnership of which it is a member has entered into with the person or other partnership referred to in that subparagraph, and

iii. the amount of the portion of the consideration provided for in the other particular contract referred to in that subparagraph that is paid in the year or, where the corporation is a member of a partnership, in the partnership's fiscal period ending in the year, to the second-tier subcontractor and that relates to the work relating to scientific research and experimental development or the work relating to pre-commercialization activities referred to in that section that the corporation or the partnership of which it is a member causes to be undertaken or carried out under the particular contract referred to in that subparagraph that the corporation or the partnership of which it is a member has entered into with the person or other partnership referred to in that subparagraph.

“§6. — *Government assistance, non-government assistance and contract payments*

“1029.8.21.16.16. For the purpose of computing the amount that a corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister for a taxation year under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14, the following rules apply:

(a) the amount of an expenditure referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4 (in this section referred to as the “expenditure concerned”) is to be reduced, where applicable, by the aggregate of all amounts each of which is a contract payment or an amount of government assistance or non-government assistance attributable to the expenditure

concerned that the corporation has received, is entitled to receive or can reasonably expect to receive, on or before the corporation's filing-due date for that year;

(b) the corporation's share of the amount of an expenditure concerned of a partnership of which the corporation is a member is to be reduced, where applicable,

i. by the corporation's share of the aggregate of all amounts each of which is a contract payment or an amount of government assistance or non-government assistance attributable to the expenditure concerned that the partnership has received, is entitled to receive or can reasonably expect to receive, on or before the day that is six months after the end of the partnership's fiscal period in which the expenditure concerned was made, or

ii. by the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount of government assistance or non-government assistance attributable to the expenditure concerned that the corporation has received, is entitled to receive or can reasonably expect to receive, on or before the day that is six months after the end of the partnership's fiscal period in which the expenditure concerned was made; and

(c) where the corporation or a partnership of which the corporation is a member has entered into a contract with a person or another partnership with which the corporation, or a member of the partnership, as applicable, was not dealing at arm's length at the time the contract was entered into,

i. the amount of a portion of a consideration paid referred to in subparagraph *b* or *d* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4, as the case may be, is to be reduced, where applicable, by the aggregate of all amounts each of which is a contract payment or an amount of government assistance or non-government assistance that is attributable to the wages paid to the employees of an establishment of the person or of the other partnership situated in Québec that are referred to in that subparagraph or to the portion of an expenditure incurred in respect of the wages of the employees of an establishment of the person or of the other partnership situated in Québec that is referred to in that subparagraph, or that would be so attributable if the person or the other partnership had such employees, and that the person or the other partnership has received, is entitled to receive or can reasonably expect to receive, on or before the corporation's filing-due date for the year, or the day that is six months after the end of the particular partnership's fiscal period that ends in the year, as the case may be, and

ii. the amount of a portion of a consideration paid referred to in subparagraph *f* or *h* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4, as the case may be, is to be reduced, where applicable, by the aggregate of all amounts each of which is a contract payment or an amount of government assistance or non-government assistance that is

(1) attributable to that portion of consideration and that the person or the other partnership has received, is entitled to receive or can reasonably expect to receive, on or before the corporation's filing-due date for the year, or the day that is six months after the end of the partnership's fiscal period that ends in the year, as the case may be, or

(2) attributable to the wages paid to the employees of an establishment of a second-tier subcontractor situated in Québec that are referred to in that subparagraph, or to the portion of an expenditure incurred in respect of the wages of the employees of an establishment of a second-tier subcontractor situated in Québec that is referred to in that subparagraph, or that would be so attributable if the second-tier subcontractor had such employees, and that the second-tier subcontractor referred to in that subparagraph has received, is entitled to receive or can reasonably expect to receive, on or before the corporation's filing-due date for the year, or the day that is six months after the end of the partnership's fiscal period that ends in the year, as the case may be.

“1029.8.21.16.17. Where a corporation pays, in a taxation year (in this section referred to as the “repayment year”), pursuant to a legal obligation, an amount that can reasonably be considered to be a repayment of government assistance or non-government assistance that reduced, because of paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.21.16.16, an expenditure referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4 (in this section referred to as the “expenditure concerned”) of the corporation for a particular taxation year, for the purpose of computing the amount that it is deemed to have paid to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.13 for that particular year, the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister on the corporation's balance-due day for the repayment year, on account of its tax payable for that year under this Part, if it encloses the prescribed form containing prescribed information with the fiscal return it is required to file for the repayment year under section 1000, an amount equal to the amount by which the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that it would be deemed to have paid to the Minister, in respect of the expenditure concerned for the particular year, under section 1029.8.21.16.13 for the particular year, if any amount of such assistance so repaid at or before the end of the repayment year had reduced, for the particular year, the amount of any government assistance or non-government assistance referred to in paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.21.16.16, exceeds the aggregate of

(a) the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister, in respect of the expenditure concerned, under section 1029.8.21.16.13 for the particular year; and

(b) any amount that the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister under this section for a taxation year preceding the repayment year, in respect of an amount of repayment of such assistance.

1029.8.21.16.18. Where a partnership pays, in a fiscal period (in this section referred to as the “fiscal period of repayment”), pursuant to a legal obligation, an amount that can reasonably be considered to be a repayment of government assistance or non-government assistance that reduced, because of subparagraph *i* of paragraph *b* of section 1029.8.21.16.16, a corporation’s share of an expenditure referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4 (in this section referred to as the “expenditure concerned”) of the partnership for a particular fiscal period, for the purpose of computing the amount that the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.14 for its taxation year in which the particular fiscal period ended, the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister on the corporation’s balance-due day for its taxation year in which the fiscal period of repayment ends, on account of its tax payable for that year under this Part, if the corporation is a member of the partnership at the end of the fiscal period of repayment and if it encloses the prescribed form containing prescribed information with the fiscal return it is required to file for the year under section 1000, an amount equal to the amount by which the aggregate of all amounts each of which is a particular amount that the corporation would be deemed, if the assumptions set out in the second paragraph were taken into account, to have paid to the Minister, in respect of its share of the partnership’s expenditure concerned for the particular fiscal period, under section 1029.8.21.16.14 for its taxation year in which the particular fiscal period ends, exceeds the aggregate of

(a) the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that the corporation would be deemed to have paid to the Minister, in respect of that share, under section 1029.8.21.16.14, for its taxation year in which the particular fiscal period ends, if the agreed proportion in respect of the corporation for the particular fiscal period were the same as that for the fiscal period of repayment; and

(b) any amount that the corporation would be deemed to have paid to the Minister under this section for a taxation year preceding the taxation year in which the fiscal period of repayment ends, in respect of an amount of such assistance repaid by the partnership, if the agreed proportion in respect of the corporation for the particular fiscal period were the same as that for the fiscal period of repayment.

The particular amount to which the first paragraph refers is to be computed as if

(a) any amount of assistance repaid at or before the end of the fiscal period of repayment reduced, for the particular fiscal period, the amount of any government assistance or non-government assistance referred to in subparagraph *i* of paragraph *b* of section 1029.8.21.16.16; and

(b) the agreed proportion in respect of the corporation for the particular fiscal period were the same as that for the fiscal period of repayment.

“1029.8.21.16.19. Where a corporation is a member of a partnership at the end of a fiscal period of the partnership (in this section referred to as the “fiscal period of repayment”) and pays, in that fiscal period, pursuant to a legal obligation, an amount that can reasonably be considered to be a repayment of government assistance or non-government assistance that reduced, because of subparagraph ii of paragraph *b* of section 1029.8.21.16.16, its share of an expenditure referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4 (in this section referred to as the “expenditure concerned”) of the partnership for a particular fiscal period, for the purpose of computing the amount that the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.14 for its taxation year in which the particular fiscal period ended, the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister on the corporation’s balance-due day for its taxation year in which the fiscal period of repayment ends, on account of its tax payable for that year under this Part, if it encloses the prescribed form containing prescribed information with the fiscal return it is required to file for the year under section 1000, an amount equal to the amount by which the aggregate of all amounts each of which is a particular amount that the corporation would be deemed, if the assumptions set out in the second paragraph were taken into account, to have paid to the Minister, in respect of its share of the partnership’s expenditure concerned for the particular fiscal period, under section 1029.8.21.16.14 for its taxation year in which the particular fiscal period ends, exceeds the aggregate of

(a) the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that the corporation would be deemed to have paid to the Minister, in respect of that share, under section 1029.8.21.16.14, for its taxation year in which the particular fiscal period ends, if the agreed proportion in respect of the corporation for the particular fiscal period were the same as that for the fiscal period of repayment; and

(b) any amount that the corporation would be deemed to have paid to the Minister under this section for a taxation year preceding the taxation year in which the fiscal period of repayment ends, in respect of an amount of such assistance repaid by the corporation, if the agreed proportion in respect of the corporation for the particular fiscal period were the same as that for the fiscal period of repayment.

The particular amount to which the first paragraph refers is to be computed as if

(a) any amount of assistance repaid at or before the end of the fiscal period of repayment reduced, for the particular fiscal period, the amount of any government assistance or non-government assistance referred to in subparagraph ii of paragraph *b* of section 1029.8.21.16.16; and

(b) the agreed proportion in respect of the corporation for the particular fiscal period were the same as that for the fiscal period of repayment.

1029.8.21.16.20. Where, in a taxation year of a corporation (in this section referred to as the “repayment year”) or in a fiscal period of a partnership (in this section referred to as the “fiscal period of repayment”), a person, another partnership or a second-tier subcontractor, referred to in paragraph *c* of section 1029.8.21.16.16, pays, pursuant to a legal obligation, an amount that can reasonably be considered to be a repayment of government assistance or non-government assistance that reduced, because of that paragraph *c*, an expenditure referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4 (in this section referred to as the “expenditure concerned”) of the corporation for a particular taxation year, for the purpose of computing the amount that it is deemed to have paid to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.13 for that particular year, or a corporation’s share of an expenditure concerned of the partnership for a particular fiscal period, for the purpose of computing the amount that the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.14 for its taxation year in which the particular fiscal period ended, as the case may be,

(a) the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister on the corporation’s balance-due day for the repayment year, on account of its tax payable for that year under this Part, if it encloses the prescribed form containing prescribed information with the fiscal return it is required to file for the repayment year under section 1000, an amount equal to the amount by which the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that it would be deemed to have paid to the Minister, in respect of the expenditure concerned for the particular year, under section 1029.8.21.16.13 for the particular year, if any amount of such assistance so repaid at or before the end of the repayment year had reduced, for the particular year, the amount of any government assistance or non-government assistance referred to in paragraph *c* of section 1029.8.21.16.16, exceeds the aggregate of

i. the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister, in respect of the expenditure concerned, under section 1029.8.21.16.13 for the particular year, and

ii. any amount that the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister under this subparagraph *a* for a taxation year preceding the repayment year, in respect of an amount of repayment of such assistance; or

(b) the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister on the corporation’s balance-due day for its taxation year in which the fiscal period of repayment ends, on account of its tax payable for that year under this Part, if the corporation is a member of the partnership at the end of the fiscal period of repayment and if it encloses the prescribed form containing prescribed information with the fiscal return it is required to file for the year under section 1000, an amount equal to the amount by which the aggregate of all amounts each of which is a particular amount that the corporation would be deemed, if the assumptions set out in the second paragraph were taken into account, to have paid to the Minister, in respect of its share of the partnership’s expenditure concerned for the particular fiscal period, under section 1029.8.21.16.14 for its taxation year in which the particular fiscal period ends, exceeds the aggregate of

i. the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that the corporation would be deemed to have paid to the Minister, in respect of that share, under section 1029.8.21.16.14, for its taxation year in which the particular fiscal period ends, if the agreed proportion in respect of the corporation for the particular fiscal period were the same as that for the fiscal period of repayment, and

ii. any amount that the corporation would be deemed to have paid to the Minister under this subparagraph *b* for a taxation year preceding the taxation year in which the fiscal period of repayment ends, in respect of an amount of such assistance repaid by the partnership, if the agreed proportion in respect of the corporation for the particular fiscal period were the same as that for the fiscal period of repayment.

The particular amount to which subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph refers is to be computed as if

(a) any amount of assistance repaid at or before the end of the fiscal period of repayment reduced, for the particular fiscal period, the amount of any government assistance or non-government assistance referred to in paragraph *c* of section 1029.8.21.16.16; and

(b) the agreed proportion in respect of the corporation for the particular fiscal period were the same as that for the fiscal period of repayment.

“1029.8.21.16.21. For the purposes of sections 1029.8.21.16.17 to 1029.8.21.16.20, an amount of assistance received by a person or a partnership, as the case may be, is deemed to be repaid by the person or partnership at a particular time, pursuant to a legal obligation, if that amount

(a) reduced, because of section 1029.8.21.16.16, the amount of an expenditure for the purpose of computing the amount that a corporation or a corporation that is a member of a partnership is deemed to have paid to the Minister for a taxation year under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14;

(b) was not received by the person or partnership; and

(c) ceased, at the particular time, to be an amount that the person or partnership can reasonably expect to receive.

“§7. — *Other reduction rules*

“1029.8.21.16.22. Where, in respect of a scientific research and experimental development project referred to in section 1029.8.21.16.3 or of a pre-commercialization project referred to in section 1029.8.21.16.4, or in respect of the carrying out of such a project, a person or a partnership has obtained, is entitled to obtain or can reasonably expect to obtain a benefit or an advantage, whether in the form of a reimbursement, compensation or guarantee, in the form of proceeds of disposition of a property which exceed the fair market value of that property or in any other form or manner, and it can reasonably be considered that the direct or indirect effect of that benefit or

advantage is to compensate or indemnify a party to the project or to otherwise benefit such a party, in any manner whatsoever, for the purpose of computing the amount that is deemed to have been paid to the Minister, for a taxation year, by a corporation under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14, the amount of the expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities or of the expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities, as the case may be, is to be reduced by the amount of the benefit or advantage which the person or the partnership has obtained, is entitled to obtain or can reasonably expect to obtain on or before the corporation's filing-due date for that taxation year.

“1029.8.21.16.23. Despite sections 1029.8.21.16.13 and 1029.8.21.16.14, where a corporation or a partnership causes scientific research and experimental development or pre-commercialization activities to be undertaken or carried out by an eligible public research centre, an eligible research consortium or an eligible university entity and the payment made or to be made by the corporation or the partnership for the scientific research and experimental development or the pre-commercialization activities does not consist in whole of currency, the corporation or a corporation that is a member of the partnership, as the case may be, may not be deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under either of those sections in respect of all or any part of the payment that cannot reasonably be considered to have been made or to be made in currency.

“1029.8.21.16.24. Despite sections 1029.8.21.16.13 and 1029.8.21.16.14, where, in respect of a project for which an expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities or an expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities is incurred that consists of the portion of a consideration referred to in subparagraph *c* or *g* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4, or in respect of the carrying out of the project, a taxpayer, a partnership, a member of that partnership, a person not dealing at arm's length with the taxpayer, the partnership or a member of the partnership, or any other person designated by the Minister, has obtained, is entitled to obtain, can reasonably expect to obtain or, upon a determination by the Minister to that effect, is deemed to have obtained or to be entitled to obtain, from a person or partnership that is a party to the project, from a person or partnership not dealing at arm's length with that person or partnership, or from any other person or partnership designated by the Minister, a contribution, a corporation or a corporation that is a member of a partnership, as the case may be, that, but for this section, would have been deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14, as the case may be, in respect of the portion of consideration, in relation to the project, is deemed not to be deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under that section, in respect of the portion of consideration, in relation to the project.

Despite sections 1029.8.21.16.13 and 1029.8.21.16.14, where, in respect of a contract for work relating to scientific research and experimental development or to pre-commercialization activities under which an expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities or an expenditure

relating to pre-commercialization activities is incurred that consists of the portion of a consideration referred to in subparagraph *e* or *i* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4, or in respect of the performance of the contract, a taxpayer, a partnership, a member of that partnership, a person not dealing at arm's length with the taxpayer, the partnership or a member of the partnership, or any other person designated by the Minister, has obtained, is entitled to obtain, can reasonably expect to obtain or, upon a determination by the Minister to that effect, is deemed to have obtained or to be entitled to obtain, from a person or partnership that is a party to the work relating to the scientific research and experimental development or to the pre-commercialization activities, from a person or partnership not dealing at arm's length with that person or partnership, or from any other person or partnership designated by the Minister, a contribution, a corporation or a corporation that is a member of a partnership, as the case may be, that, but for this section, would have been deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14, as the case may be, in respect of the portion of consideration, in relation to the contract, is deemed not to be deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under that section, in respect of the portion of consideration, in relation to the contract.

A contribution to which this section refers, in respect of a project or contract relating to scientific research and experimental development or to pre-commercialization activities, or in respect of the carrying out of the project or the performance of the contract, means

(a) a former, present or future right in the proceeds of disposition of all or part of the intellectual property arising from the project or contract, as the case may be; or

(b) a property designated by the Minister as being a contribution.

“1029.8.21.16.25. Despite the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.24, a corporation may be deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14, in respect of the portion of a consideration referred to in subparagraph *c* or *g* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4, in relation to a project referred to in that paragraph for which work relating to the expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities or to the expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities is carried out, in whole or in part, on behalf of the corporation or the partnership of which the corporation is a member, by another person or partnership if, were it not for that paragraph, an amount would have been deemed to have been paid to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14, as the case may be, in respect of that portion of consideration and if each contribution referred to in that paragraph, in respect of the project or the carrying out thereof, constitutes an expenditure made by the other person or partnership or, where subparagraph *g* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4, as the case may be, applies, by the other person or partnership referred to in that subparagraph, to carry out the work, in whole or in part.

Despite the second paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.24, a corporation may be deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14, in respect of the portion of a consideration referred to in subparagraph *e* or *i* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4, in relation to a contract referred to in that paragraph for which work relating to the expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities or to the expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities is carried out, in whole or in part, on behalf of the corporation or the partnership of which the corporation is a member, by another person or partnership if, were it not for that paragraph, an amount would have been deemed to have been paid to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14, as the case may be, in respect of that portion of consideration and if each contribution referred to in that paragraph, in respect of the contract or the performance of the contract, constitutes an expenditure made by the other person or partnership or, where subparagraph *i* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4, as the case may be, applies, by the other person or partnership referred to in that subparagraph, to carry out the work, in whole or in part.

Where a corporation is referred to in the first or second paragraph, the amount deemed to have been paid to the Minister, under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14, in respect of the portion of a consideration referred to in any of subparagraphs *c*, *e*, *g* and *i* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4, is to be determined only on the portion of the expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities or of the expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities, as the case may be, in respect of which an amount was otherwise deemed to have been paid to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14, in respect of the portion of a consideration referred to in any of those subparagraphs *c*, *e*, *g* and *i*, reduced by the amount of a contribution referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.24 in respect of the project or the carrying out thereof or in the second paragraph of that section in respect of the contract or the performance thereof, as the case may be.

“1029.8.21.16.26. Despite sections 1029.8.21.16.13 and 1029.8.21.16.14, where, in respect of a project for which an expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities or an expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities is incurred that consists of wages or the portion of a consideration referred to in any of subparagraphs *a*, *b* and *f* of the first paragraph of sections 1029.8.21.16.3 and 1029.8.21.16.4, or in respect of the carrying out of the project, a corporation, a partnership, a member of that partnership, a person not dealing at arm’s length with the corporation, the partnership or a member of the partnership, or any other person designated by the Minister, has obtained, is entitled to obtain, can reasonably expect to obtain or, upon a determination by the Minister to that effect, is deemed to have obtained or to be entitled to obtain, from a person or partnership that is a party to the project, from a person or partnership not dealing at arm’s length with that person or partnership, or from any other person or partnership designated by the Minister, a contribution, the corporation or a corporation

that is a member of the partnership, as the case may be, is deemed not to be deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14, as the case may be, in respect of the wages or the portion of consideration, in relation to the project.

Despite sections 1029.8.21.16.13 and 1029.8.21.16.14, where, in respect of a contract for work relating to scientific research and experimental development or to pre-commercialization activities under which an expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities or an expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities is incurred that consists of the portion of a consideration referred to in subparagraph *d* or *h* of the first paragraph of sections 1029.8.21.16.3 and 1029.8.21.16.4, or in respect of the performance of the contract, a corporation, a partnership of which the corporation is a member, a member of that partnership, a person not dealing at arm's length with the corporation, the partnership or a member of the partnership, or any other person designated by the Minister, has obtained, is entitled to obtain, can reasonably expect to obtain or, upon a determination by the Minister to that effect, is deemed to have obtained or to be entitled to obtain, from a person or partnership that is a party to the work, from a person or partnership not dealing at arm's length with that person or partnership, or from any other person or partnership designated by the Minister, a contribution, the corporation or a corporation that is a member of the partnership, as the case may be, is deemed not to be deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14, as the case may be, in respect of the portion of consideration, in relation to the contract.

A contribution to which this section refers, in respect of a project or contract relating to scientific research and experimental development or to pre-commercialization activities, or in respect of the carrying out of the project or the performance of the contract, means

(a) a former, present or future right in the proceeds of disposition of all or part of the intellectual property arising from the project or contract, as the case may be; or

(b) a property designated by the Minister as being a contribution.

“§8. — *Various rules*

“**1029.8.21.16.27.** Where a corporation carries on a business in Québec in a taxation year by reason of an arrangement, a transaction or an event or of a series of arrangements, transactions or events and it can reasonably be considered that one of the purposes of the arrangement, transaction or event or of the series of arrangements, transactions or events is to cause the corporation to carry on the business so as to allow the corporation to be deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister for that taxation year under section 1029.8.21.16.13, the corporation is, for the purposes of that section, deemed not to carry on the business in that year by reason of the arrangement, transaction or event or of the series of arrangements, transactions or events

unless the corporation is, by reason of the arrangement, transaction or event or of the series of arrangements, transactions or events, a member of a partnership other than a specified member of that partnership.

“1029.8.21.16.28. In applying this division in respect of a particular corporation, scientific research and experimental development and pre-commercialization activities related to a business carried on by another corporation to which the particular corporation is related, otherwise than by reason of a right referred to in paragraph *b* of section 20, and in which that other corporation is actively engaged at the time at which an expenditure or payment in respect of the scientific research and experimental development or the pre-commercialization activities is made by the particular corporation, are to be considered to be related to a business of the particular corporation at that time.

“1029.8.21.16.29. In determining, for the purposes of this division, whether work carried out by or on behalf of a partnership constitutes scientific research and experimental development, the references in subsection 3 of section 222 to “taxpayer” are to be read as references to “partnership”.

“1029.8.21.16.30. A corporation may not be deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister on account of its tax payable for a particular taxation year under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14 in respect of an expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development if that expenditure is deemed not to be an expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development, for the purposes of Division XI of Chapter V of Title III of Book III, because of the application of section 230.0.0.5.

“1029.8.21.16.31. A corporation may not be deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister on account of its tax payable for a particular taxation year under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.14 in respect of all or part of an expenditure that can reasonably be considered to be incurred in respect of

(a) a digital platform that hosts content comprising explicit sex scenes or graphic representations of such scenes or enables the sharing of such content, or that is intended to host or enable the sharing of such content, unless, for the taxation year, all or substantially all of the content that is hosted or shared, or that is intended to be hosted or shared, does not constitute such content or it is established to the Minister’s satisfaction that reasonable measures have been taken to ensure that such an expenditure is not incurred in respect of such a platform; or

(b) a multimedia title comprising explicit sex scenes or graphic representations of such scenes.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year of a corporation or a fiscal period of a partnership that begins after 25 March 2025.

95. Section 1029.8.21.22 of the Act is amended by inserting “that begins before 26 March 2025” after “taxation year” in the first paragraph.

96. Section 1029.8.21.23 of the Act is amended by inserting “that begins before 26 March 2025” after “in a fiscal period” in the first paragraph.

97. (1) The heading of Division II.6.0.1.9 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX of Part I of the Act is replaced by the following heading:

“CREDIT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF E-BUSINESS
INTEGRATING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
FUNCTIONALITIES”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

98. (1) Section 1029.8.36.0.3.80 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “qualification certificate” in the first paragraph and in subparagraph *b* of the third paragraph by “certificate”;

(2) by replacing the fourth paragraph by the following paragraphs:

“The percentage to which the first paragraph refers is, as the case may be,

(a) where the taxation year begins before 1 January 2025, 24%;

(b) where the taxation year begins after 31 December 2024 but before 1 January 2026, 23%;

(c) where the taxation year begins after 31 December 2025 but before 1 January 2027, either

i. 11%, if the total of the proportions described in the fifth paragraph is at least 50%, or

ii. 22%, in any other case;

(d) where the taxation year begins after 31 December 2026 but before 1 January 2028, either

i. 10.5%, if the total of the proportions described in the fifth paragraph is at least 50%, or

ii. 21%, in any other case; or

(e) where the taxation year begins after 31 December 2027, either

i. 10%, if the total of the proportions described in the fifth paragraph is at least 50%, or

ii. 20%, in any other case.

The proportions to which subparagraph i of each of subparagraphs *c* to *e* of the fourth paragraph refers are the proportions of the corporation's gross revenue that, in accordance with subparagraphs 3 and 4 of the third paragraph of section 13.3 of Schedule A to the Act respecting the sectoral parameters of certain fiscal measures (chapter P-5.1), are specified, if applicable, in the certificate referred to in the first paragraph that was issued to the corporation for the taxation year."

(2) Paragraph 2 of subsection 1 applies to a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2025.

99. (1) Section 1029.8.36.166.60.36 of the Act is amended, in the definition of "territory with low economic vitality" in the first paragraph,

(1) by replacing subparagraph i of paragraph *a* by the following subparagraphs:

"i. Municipalité régionale de comté d'Abitibi-Ouest, except in respect of expenses incurred before 20 June 2025,

"i.1. Municipalité régionale de comté d'Antoine-Labelle,

"ii. Municipalité régionale de comté d'Argenteuil, except in respect of expenses incurred after 30 June 2025 to acquire a property after that date,";

(2) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph *v* of paragraph *a*:

"vi. Municipalité régionale de comté de la Côte-de-Gaspé, except in respect of expenses incurred after 31 March 2023 to acquire a property after that date,";

(3) by inserting the following subparagraphs after subparagraph *xii* of paragraph *a*:

"xii.1. Municipalité régionale de comté de L'Islet, except in respect of expenses incurred before 20 June 2025,

"xii.2. Municipalité régionale de comté de Manicouagan, except in respect of expenses incurred before 20 June 2025,";

(4) by inserting ", except in respect of expenses incurred before 1 July 2021" after "Maskinongé" in subparagraph *xiii.1* of paragraph *a*;

(5) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph *xiii.1* of paragraph *a*:

"xiv. Municipalité régionale de comté de Matawinie, except in respect of expenses incurred after 30 June 2025 to acquire a property after that date,";

(6) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph xv of paragraph *a*:

“xv.0.1. Municipalité régionale de comté de Montmagny, except in respect of expenses incurred before 20 June 2025,”;

(7) by replacing subparagraph xv.1 of paragraph *a* by the following subparagraph:

“xv.1. Municipalité régionale de comté de Papineau, except in respect of

(1) expenses incurred before 1 July 2021, and

(2) expenses incurred after 30 June 2027 to acquire a property after that date,”;

(8) by replacing subparagraph xvi.1 of paragraph *a* by the following subparagraph:

“xvi.1. Municipalité régionale de comté de Témiscamingue, except in respect of

(1) expenses incurred before 1 April 2023, and

(2) expenses incurred after 30 June 2027 to acquire a property after that date,”;

(9) by inserting “, except in respect of expenses incurred after 30 June 2027 to acquire a property after that date” after “Appalaches” in subparagraph xviii of paragraph *a*;

(10) by inserting “, except in respect of expenses incurred after 30 June 2027 to acquire a property after that date” after “Étchemins” in subparagraph xx of paragraph *a*;

(11) by inserting “, except in respect of expenses incurred before 1 July 2021” after “Domaine-du-Roy” in subparagraph xxi.1 of paragraph *a*;

(12) by replacing paragraph *b* by the following paragraph:

“(b) either of the following urban agglomerations:

i. Communauté maritime des Îles-de-la-Madeleine, as described in section 9 of the Act respecting the exercise of certain municipal powers in certain urban agglomerations (chapter E-20.001), except in respect of expenses incurred after 31 March 2023 to acquire a property after that date, or

ii. the urban agglomeration of La Tuque, as described in section 8 of the Act respecting the exercise of certain municipal powers in certain urban agglomerations; or”.

(2) Paragraph 1 of subsection 1, where it enacts subparagraph i of paragraph *a* of the definition of “territory with low economic vitality” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.166.60.36 of the Act, and paragraphs 3 and 6 of subsection 1 apply in respect of expenses incurred to acquire a property after 19 June 2025, unless it is a property acquired pursuant to an obligation in writing entered into on or before 19 June 2025 or the construction of which had begun by that date.

(3) Paragraph 1 of subsection 1, except where it enacts subparagraph i of paragraph *a* of the definition of “territory with low economic vitality” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.166.60.36 of the Act, and paragraphs 2, 4, 5 and 7 to 12 of subsection 1 have effect from 19 June 2025.

100. (1) Section 1029.8.36.167 of the Act is amended, in the first paragraph,

(1) by replacing paragraph *a.0.1* of the definition of “eligible expenses” by the following paragraph:

“(a.0.1) any Canadian exploration expense (other than that described in paragraph *a.1* or *d.2*) that would be described in paragraph *c* of section 395 if the reference therein to “mineral resource in Canada” were a reference to “mineral resource in Québec, but outside the northern exploration zone, other than coal,” and if, where the expense is incurred by the partnership, the partnership were deemed to be a taxpayer whose taxation year is the partnership’s fiscal period;”;

(2) by replacing paragraph *c.0.1* of the definition of “eligible expenses” by the following paragraph:

“(c.0.1) any Canadian exploration expense that is incurred after 17 March 2016 (other than that described in paragraph *d.2*) and that would be described in paragraph *c* of section 395 if the reference therein to “mineral resource in Canada” were a reference to “mineral resource in the northern exploration zone, other than coal,” and if, where the expense is incurred by the partnership, the partnership were deemed to be a taxpayer whose taxation year is the partnership’s fiscal period;”;

(3) by inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph *d* of the definition of “eligible expenses”:

“(d.1) any Canadian development expense (other than that described in paragraph *d.2*) that is incurred after 25 March 2025 and that would be described in paragraph *b.0.2* or *b.1* of section 408 if the reference to “Canada” in paragraph *b.0.2* and subparagraph i of paragraph *b.1* of that section 408 were a reference to “Québec” and if, where the expense is incurred by the partnership, the partnership were deemed to be a taxpayer whose taxation year is the partnership’s fiscal period;

“(d.2) any expense mainly attributable to a critical mineral, a strategic mineral or a combination of both that is incurred after 25 March 2025 and before 1 January 2030, that is paid before 1 January 2030 and that consists of any Canadian exploration expense that would be described in paragraph *c* of section 395 or any Canadian development expense that would be described in paragraph *b.0.2* or *b.1* of section 408 if the reference to “mineral resource in Canada” in that paragraph *c* of section 395, that paragraph *b.0.2* and subparagraph *i* of that paragraph *b.1* of section 408 were a reference to “mineral resource in Québec” and if, where the expense is incurred by the partnership, the partnership were deemed to be a taxpayer whose taxation year is the partnership’s fiscal period;”;

(4) by inserting the following definitions in alphabetical order:

““critical mineral” means antimony, bismuth, cadmium, cesium, copper, gallium, indium, tellurium, tin or zinc;

““Far North of Québec” means the territory of Québec situated north of the 55th degree of north latitude;

““strategic mineral” means cobalt, graphite (natural), lithium, magnesium, nickel, niobium, platinum group elements, rare earth elements, scandium, tantalum, titanium or vanadium;”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 25 March 2025.

101. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 1029.8.36.167.1:

“1029.8.36.167.2. For the purposes of this division, the balance of a qualified corporation’s cumulative eligible expense limit for a particular taxation year is equal to

(a) where the qualified corporation is not a member of an associated group in the particular year, the amount by which \$100,000,000 exceeds the total of

i. the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the corporation’s eligible expenses, for a taxation year (in this subparagraph *a* referred to as the “preceding year concerned”) that ends in the 48-month period preceding the beginning of the particular year, that are incurred after 25 March 2025 and in respect of which an amount is deemed to have been paid to the Minister by the corporation for the preceding year concerned under section 1029.8.36.168 or 1029.8.36.170, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec,

ii. the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the corporation’s share of a partnership’s eligible expenses, for a fiscal period of the partnership that ends in a preceding year concerned, that are incurred after 25 March 2025 and in respect of which an amount is deemed to have been paid to the Minister by the

corporation for the preceding year concerned under section 1029.8.36.169 or 1029.8.36.171, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec,

iii. one-half of the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the corporation's eligible expenses, for a preceding year concerned, that are incurred after 25 March 2025, in respect of which an amount is deemed to have been paid to the Minister by the corporation for the preceding year concerned under section 1029.8.36.168 or 1029.8.36.170 and that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec, and

iv. one-half of the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the corporation's share of a partnership's eligible expenses, for a fiscal period of the partnership that ends in a preceding year concerned, that are incurred after 25 March 2025, in respect of which an amount is deemed to have been paid to the Minister by the corporation for the preceding year concerned under section 1029.8.36.169 or 1029.8.36.171 and that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec; or

(b) where the qualified corporation is a member of an associated group in the particular year,

i. the amount attributed for the particular year to the corporation pursuant to the agreement described in the second paragraph and filed with the Minister in the prescribed form, or

ii. if no amount is attributed to the corporation under the agreement to which subparagraph i refers or in the absence of such an agreement but subject to section 1029.8.36.167.3, zero.

The agreement to which subparagraph i of subparagraph b of the first paragraph refers, in respect of a particular taxation year of the qualified corporation, is the agreement under which all the corporations that are members of the associated group in the particular taxation year attribute, for the purposes of this section, to one or more of the corporations that are members of the associated group, for the particular taxation year, one or more amounts the total of which is not greater than the amount by which \$100,000,000 exceeds the total of

(a) the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the eligible expenses of a corporation that is a member of the associated group in the particular year, for a taxation year (in this paragraph referred to as the "preceding year concerned") that ends in a 48-month period preceding the beginning of the particular year, that are incurred after 25 March 2025 and in respect of which an amount is deemed to have been paid to the Minister by the corporation for the preceding year concerned under section 1029.8.36.168 or 1029.8.36.170, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec;

(b) the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the share of a corporation that is a member of the associated group in the particular year of a partnership's eligible expenses, for a fiscal period of the partnership that ends in a preceding year concerned of the corporation, that are incurred after 25 March 2025 and in respect of which an amount is deemed to have been paid to the Minister by the corporation for the preceding year concerned under section 1029.8.36.169 or 1029.8.36.171, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec;

(c) one-half of the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the eligible expenses of a corporation that is a member of the associated group in the particular year, for a preceding year concerned, that are incurred after 25 March 2025, in respect of which an amount is deemed to have been paid to the Minister by the corporation for the preceding year concerned under section 1029.8.36.168 or 1029.8.36.170 and that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec; and

(d) one-half of the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the share of a corporation that is a member of the associated group in the particular year of a partnership's eligible expenses, for a fiscal period of the partnership that ends in a preceding year concerned of the corporation, that are incurred after 25 March 2025, in respect of which an amount is deemed to have been paid to the Minister by the corporation for the preceding year concerned under section 1029.8.36.169 or 1029.8.36.171 and that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec.

Where the aggregate of the amounts attributed, in respect of a taxation year, pursuant to an agreement described in the second paragraph and entered into by the corporations that are members of an associated group in the year is greater than the excess amount determined under that paragraph, the amount determined under subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph in respect of each of those corporations for the taxation year is deemed, for the purposes of this section, to be equal to the amount obtained by multiplying that excess amount by the proportion that the amount that was attributed to the corporation in the agreement, in respect of the year, is of the aggregate of the amounts that were so attributed.

“1029.8.36.167.3. Where corporations are part, in a taxation year, of an associated group and where a corporation that is a member of that group fails to file with the Minister the agreement to which subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167.2 refers within 30 days after notice in writing by the Minister has been sent to such a corporation that such an agreement is required for the purposes of any assessment of tax under this Part or for the determination of another amount, the Minister attributes, for the purposes of this division, an amount to one or more of the corporations that are members of that group for the taxation year, which amount or the aggregate of which amounts, as the case may be, must be equal to the excess amount determined for the year under the second paragraph

of section 1029.8.36.167.2, and, in such a case, the balance of the cumulative eligible expense limit of each of those corporations, for the year, is equal to the amount so attributed to it.

“1029.8.36.167.4. For the purposes of this division, the balance of a qualified partnership’s cumulative eligible expense limit for a particular fiscal period is equal to the amount by which \$100,000,000 exceeds the aggregate of

(a) the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the qualified partnership’s eligible expenses, for a fiscal period (in this section referred to as the “preceding fiscal period concerned”) that ends in the 48-month period preceding the beginning of the particular fiscal period, that are incurred after 25 March 2025 and in respect of which an amount is deemed to have been paid to the Minister under section 1029.8.36.169 or 1029.8.36.171, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec; and

(b) one-half of the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the qualified partnership’s eligible expenses, for a preceding fiscal period concerned, that are incurred after 25 March 2025, in respect of which an amount is deemed to have been paid to the Minister under section 1029.8.36.169 or 1029.8.36.171 and that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec.

“1029.8.36.167.5. For the purposes of this division, the balance of a joint venture’s cumulative eligible expense limit for a particular fiscal period of the joint venture is equal to the amount by which \$100,000,000 exceeds the aggregate of

(a) the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the eligible expenses incurred after 25 March 2025 by a corporation or a partnership as a party to the joint venture, in a fiscal period of the joint venture (in this paragraph referred to as the “preceding fiscal period concerned”) that ends in the 48-month period preceding the beginning of the particular fiscal period and in respect of which an amount is deemed to have been paid to the Minister under any of sections 1029.8.36.168 to 1029.8.36.171, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec; and

(b) one-half of the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the eligible expenses incurred after 25 March 2025 by a corporation or a partnership as a party to the joint venture, in a preceding fiscal period concerned, in respect of which an amount is deemed to have been paid to the Minister under any of sections 1029.8.36.168 to 1029.8.36.171 and that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec.

For the purposes of this section, a joint venture is deemed to be a partnership whose fiscal period ends on 31 December of a calendar year.

For the purposes of this division, the share of a corporation for a taxation year, or of a partnership for a fiscal period, of the balance of a joint venture's cumulative eligible expense limit is equal to

(a) in the case of a corporation,

i. where the corporation's taxation year does not end on 31 December of a calendar year, the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the proportion of its share, determined in accordance with the fourth paragraph, of the balance of the joint venture's cumulative eligible expense limit for a fiscal period of the joint venture, a part of which is included in the taxation year, that the eligible expenses incurred by the corporation as a party to the joint venture in that part of the fiscal period are of the aggregate of the eligible expenses incurred by the corporation as a party to the joint venture in that fiscal period, or

ii. where the corporation's taxation year ends on 31 December of a calendar year, its share, determined in accordance with the fourth paragraph, of the balance of the joint venture's cumulative eligible expense limit for the joint venture's fiscal period whose end coincides with the end of the corporation's taxation year; and

(b) in the case of a partnership,

i. where the partnership's fiscal period does not end on 31 December of a calendar year, the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the proportion of its share, determined in accordance with the fourth paragraph, of the balance of the joint venture's cumulative eligible expense limit for the joint venture's fiscal period, a part of which is included in the partnership's fiscal period, that the eligible expenses incurred by the partnership as a party to the joint venture in that part of the joint venture's fiscal period are of the aggregate of the eligible expenses incurred by the partnership as a party to the joint venture in that fiscal period of the joint venture, or

ii. where the partnership's fiscal period ends on 31 December of a calendar year, its share, determined in accordance with the fourth paragraph, of the balance of the joint venture's cumulative eligible expense limit for the joint venture's fiscal period whose end coincides with the end of the partnership's fiscal period.

A corporation's or a partnership's share of the balance of a joint venture's cumulative eligible expense limit for a fiscal period of the joint venture is equal to the proportion of that amount that the eligible expenses incurred by the corporation or partnership, as the case may be, in that fiscal period as a party to the joint venture are of the aggregate of the eligible expenses incurred in the joint venture's fiscal period."

(2) Subsection 1, where it enacts sections 1029.8.36.167.2 and 1029.8.36.167.3 of the Act, applies to a taxation year of a corporation that begins after 25 March 2025.

(3) Subsection 1, where it enacts section 1029.8.36.167.4 of the Act, applies to a fiscal period of a partnership that begins after 25 March 2025.

(4) Subsection 1, where it enacts section 1029.8.36.167.5 of the Act, applies to a fiscal period of a deemed partnership, referred to in the second paragraph of that section, that begins after 25 March 2025.

102. (1) Section 1029.8.36.168 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph by the following:

“1029.8.36.168. A qualified corporation for a taxation year, other than such a corporation referred to in the second paragraph of section 1029.8.36.170, that encloses the prescribed form containing prescribed information with the fiscal return it is required to file for the year under section 1000, is deemed, subject to the fourth paragraph, to have paid to the Minister on the corporation’s balance-due day for the year, on account of its tax payable for the year under this Part, an amount equal to the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the product obtained by multiplying a portion, determined by the corporation, of its eligible expenses for the year by whichever of the following rates applies to that portion of expenses for the year, to the extent that the aggregate of those portions of expenses is established subject to the third paragraph and does not include the portion, determined by the corporation, of its eligible expenses incurred in the year as a party to a joint venture that exceeds its share for the year of the balance of the joint venture’s cumulative eligible expense limit:

(a) 10% in respect of the portion of the eligible expenses of the corporation for the year that constitute such expenses by reason of any of paragraphs *a.0.1*, *c.0.1* and *d.1* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;

(a.1) 12% in respect of the portion of the eligible expenses of the corporation for the year that constitute such expenses by reason of any of paragraphs *a*, *a.0.2*, *b* and *f* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;”;

(2) by replacing “of the eligible expenses” in subparagraphs *b* and *c* to *e* of the first paragraph by “in respect of the portion of the eligible expenses”;

(3) by replacing “of the eligible expenses” and “of paragraph *c.0.1* or *c.0.2*” in subparagraph *b.1* of the first paragraph by “in respect of the portion of the eligible expenses” and “of paragraph *c.0.2*”, respectively;

(4) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph *b.1* of the first paragraph:

“(b.2) 20% in respect of the portion of the eligible expenses of the corporation for the year that constitute such expenses by reason of paragraph *d.2*

of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;”;

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

“The total of the eligible expenses that are referred to in the first paragraph in respect of a corporation for a taxation year, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec, and of one-half of the eligible expenses referred to in the first paragraph that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec may not exceed the amount that is the amount by which the balance of the corporation’s cumulative eligible expense limit for the year exceeds the aggregate of all amounts each of which is

(a) its share of the portion of the eligible expenses that is referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.169 or 1029.8.36.171 for the year and in respect of which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister for the year under section 1029.8.36.169 or 1029.8.36.171, as the case may be, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec; or

(b) one-half of its share of the portion of the eligible expenses that is referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.169 or 1029.8.36.171 for the year, in respect of which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister for the year under section 1029.8.36.169 or 1029.8.36.171, as the case may be, and that is mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year of a corporation that begins after 25 March 2025. In addition, where section 1029.8.36.168 of the Act applies in respect of expenses incurred after 25 March 2025 in a taxation year that begins before 26 March 2025,

(1) subparagraph *a* of its first paragraph is replaced by the following subparagraphs:

“(a) 10% of the eligible expenses of the corporation for the year that constitute such expenses by reason of any of paragraphs *a.0.1*, *c.0.1* and *d.1* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;

“(a.1) 12% of the eligible expenses of the corporation for the year that constitute such expenses by reason of any of paragraphs *a*, *a.0.2*, *b* and *f* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;”;

(2) subparagraph *b.1* of its first paragraph is amended by replacing “of paragraph *c.0.1* or *c.0.2*” by “of paragraph *c.0.2*”; and

(3) the following subparagraph is inserted after subparagraph *b.1* of its first paragraph:

“(b.2) 20% of the eligible expenses of the corporation for the year that constitute such expenses by reason of paragraph *d.2* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;”.

103. (1) Section 1029.8.36.169 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph by the following:

“1029.8.36.169. A qualified corporation for a taxation year that is a member of a qualified partnership, other than such a partnership referred to in the second paragraph of section 1029.8.36.171, at the end of a particular fiscal period of the partnership that ends in the year, and that encloses the prescribed form containing prescribed information with the fiscal return it is required to file for the year under section 1000, is deemed, subject to the fourth paragraph, to have paid to the Minister on the corporation’s balance-due day for the year, on account of its tax payable for the year under this Part, an amount equal to the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the product obtained by multiplying its share of a portion, determined by the corporation, of the partnership’s eligible expenses for the particular fiscal period, by whichever of the following rates applies to that portion of expenses for the fiscal period, to the extent that its share of the aggregate of those portions of expenses is established subject to the third paragraph and includes neither its share of the portion, determined by the corporation, of the qualified partnership’s eligible expenses for the particular fiscal period that exceeds the balance of the partnership’s cumulative eligible expense limit for the particular fiscal period, nor its share of the portion, determined by the corporation, of such expenses incurred by the partnership in the particular fiscal period as a party to a joint venture that exceeds the partnership’s share for the particular fiscal period of the balance of the joint venture’s cumulative eligible expense limit:

(a) 10% in respect of its share of the portion of the eligible expenses of the partnership for the particular fiscal period that constitute such expenses by reason of any of paragraphs *a.0.1*, *c.0.1* and *d.1* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;

(a.1) 12% in respect of its share of the portion of the eligible expenses of the partnership for the particular fiscal period that constitute such expenses by reason of any of paragraphs *a*, *a.0.2*, *b* and *f* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;”;

(2) by replacing “of its share of the eligible expenses” in subparagraphs *b* and *c* to *e* of the first paragraph by “in respect of its share of the portion of the eligible expenses”;

(3) by replacing “of its share of the eligible expenses” and “of paragraph c.0.1 or c.0.2” in subparagraph b.1 of the first paragraph by “in respect of its share of the portion of the eligible expenses” and “of paragraph c.0.2”, respectively;

(4) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph b.1 of the first paragraph:

“(b.2) 20% in respect of its share of the portion of the eligible expenses of the partnership for the particular fiscal period that constitute such expenses by reason of paragraph d.2 of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;”;

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

“The total of all amounts each of which is a corporation’s share of the eligible expenses that are referred to in the first paragraph for a taxation year, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec, and of one-half of its share of the eligible expenses referred to in the first paragraph for a taxation year that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec may not exceed the amount that is the amount by which the balance of the corporation’s cumulative eligible expense limit for the year exceeds the aggregate of all amounts each of which is

(a) the eligible expenses, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec, that are referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.168 or 1029.8.36.170 for the year and in respect of which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister for the year under section 1029.8.36.168 or 1029.8.36.170, as the case may be;

(b) one-half of the eligible expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec, that are referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.168 or 1029.8.36.170 for the year and in respect of which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister for the year under section 1029.8.36.168 or 1029.8.36.170, as the case may be;

(c) its share of the portion of the eligible expenses that is referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.171 for the year, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec, in respect of which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister for the year under section 1029.8.36.171; or

(d) one-half of its share of the portion of the eligible expenses that is referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.171 for the year, in respect of which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister for the year under section 1029.8.36.171, to the extent that those eligible expenses are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a fiscal period of a partnership that begins after 25 March 2025. In addition, where section 1029.8.36.169 of the Act applies in respect of expenses incurred after 25 March 2025 in a fiscal period of a partnership that begins before 26 March 2025,

(1) subparagraph *a* of its first paragraph is replaced by the following subparagraphs:

“(a) 10% of its share of the eligible expenses of the partnership for the particular fiscal period that constitute such expenses by reason of any of paragraphs *a.0.1*, *c.0.1* and *d.1* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;

“(a.1) 12% of its share of the eligible expenses of the partnership for the particular fiscal period that constitute such expenses by reason of any of paragraphs *a*, *a.0.2*, *b* and *f* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;”;

(2) subparagraph *b.1* of its first paragraph is amended by replacing “of paragraph *c.0.1* or *c.0.2*” by “of paragraph *c.0.2*”; and

(3) the following subparagraph is inserted after subparagraph *b.1* of its first paragraph:

“(b.2) 20% of its share of the eligible expenses of the partnership for the particular fiscal period that constitute such expenses by reason of paragraph *d.2* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;”.

104. (1) Section 1029.8.36.170 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph by the following:

“**1029.8.36.170.** A qualified corporation for a taxation year that is described in the second paragraph and that encloses the prescribed form containing prescribed information with the fiscal return it is required to file for the year under section 1000 is deemed, subject to the fifth paragraph, to have paid to the Minister on the corporation’s balance-due day for the year, on account of its tax payable for the year under this Part, an amount equal to the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the product obtained by multiplying a portion, determined by the corporation, of its eligible expenses for the year by whichever of the following rates applies to that portion of expenses for the year, to the extent that the aggregate of those portions of expenses is established subject to the fourth paragraph and does not include the portion, determined by the corporation, of its eligible expenses incurred in the year as a party to a joint venture that exceeds its share for the year of the balance of the joint venture’s cumulative eligible expense limit:”;

(2) by replacing “of the eligible expenses” in subparagraphs *a*, *c*, *d* and *e* of the first paragraph by “in respect of the portion of the eligible expenses”;

(3) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph:

“(a.1) 22.5% in respect of the portion of the eligible expenses of the corporation for the year that constitute such expenses by reason of any of paragraphs *a.0.1*, *c.0.1* and *d.1* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;”;

(4) by replacing “of the eligible expenses” and “paragraphs *a* to *b*” in subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph by “in respect of the portion of the eligible expenses” and “paragraphs *a*, *a.0.2*, *b*”, respectively;

(5) by replacing “of the eligible expenses” and “of paragraph *c.0.1* or *c.0.2*” in subparagraph *c.1* of the first paragraph by “in respect of the portion of the eligible expenses” and “of paragraph *c.0.2*”, respectively;

(6) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph *c.1* of the first paragraph:

“(c.2) 45% in respect of the portion of the eligible expenses of the corporation for the year that constitute such expenses by reason of paragraph *d.2* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;”;

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

“The total of the eligible expenses that are referred to in the first paragraph in respect of a corporation for a taxation year, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec, and of one-half of the eligible expenses referred to in the first paragraph that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec may not exceed the amount that is the amount by which the balance of the corporation’s cumulative eligible expense limit for the year exceeds the aggregate of all amounts each of which is

(a) its share of the portion of the eligible expenses that is referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.169 or 1029.8.36.171 for the year and in respect of which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister for the year under section 1029.8.36.169 or 1029.8.36.171, as the case may be, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec; or

(b) one-half of its share of the portion of the eligible expenses that is referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.169 or 1029.8.36.171 for the year, in respect of which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister for the year under section 1029.8.36.169 or 1029.8.36.171, as the case may be, and that is mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a taxation year of a corporation that begins after 25 March 2025. In addition, where section 1029.8.36.170 of the Act applies in respect of expenses incurred after 25 March 2025 in a taxation year that begins before 26 March 2025,

(1) subparagraph *b* of its first paragraph is replaced by the following subparagraphs:

“(a.1) 22.5% of the eligible expenses of the corporation for the year that constitute such expenses by reason of any of paragraphs *a.0.1*, *c.0.1* and *d.1* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;

“(b) 28% of the eligible expenses of the corporation for the year that constitute such expenses by reason of any of paragraphs *a*, *a.0.2*, *b* and *e* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;”;

(2) subparagraph *c.1* of its first paragraph is amended by replacing “of paragraph *c.0.1* or *c.0.2*” by “of paragraph *c.0.2*”; and

(3) the following subparagraph is inserted after subparagraph *c.1* of its first paragraph:

“(c.2) 45% of the eligible expenses of the corporation for the year that constitute such expenses by reason of paragraph *d.2* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;”.

105. (1) Section 1029.8.36.171 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph by the following:

“1029.8.36.171. A qualified corporation for a taxation year that is a member of a qualified partnership described in the second paragraph at the end of a particular fiscal period of the partnership that ends in the year, and that encloses the prescribed form containing prescribed information with the fiscal return it is required to file for the year under section 1000, is deemed, subject to the fifth paragraph, to have paid to the Minister on the corporation’s balance-due day for the year, on account of its tax payable for the year under this Part, an amount equal to the aggregate of all amounts each of which is the product obtained by multiplying its share of a portion, determined by the

corporation, of the partnership's eligible expenses for the particular fiscal period, by whichever of the following rates applies to that portion of expenses for the fiscal period, to the extent that its share of the aggregate of those portions of expenses is established subject to the fourth paragraph and includes neither its share of the portion, determined by the corporation, of the qualified partnership's eligible expenses for the particular fiscal period that exceeds the balance of the partnership's cumulative eligible expense limit for the particular fiscal period, nor its share of the portion, determined by the corporation, of such expenses incurred by the partnership in the particular fiscal period as a party to a joint venture that exceeds the partnership's share for the particular fiscal period of the balance of the joint venture's cumulative eligible expense limit:";

(2) by replacing "of its share of the eligible expenses" in subparagraphs *a*, *c*, *d* and *e* of the first paragraph by "in respect of its share of the portion of the eligible expenses";

(3) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph:

"(a.1) 22.5% in respect of its share of the portion of the eligible expenses of the partnership for the particular fiscal period that constitute such expenses by reason of any of paragraphs *a.0.1*, *c.0.1* and *d.1* of the definition of "eligible expenses" in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;"

(4) by replacing "of its share of the eligible expenses" and "paragraphs *a* to *b*" in subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph by "in respect of its share of the portion of the eligible expenses" and "paragraphs *a*, *a.0.2*, *b*", respectively;

(5) by replacing "of its share of the eligible expenses" and "of paragraph *c.0.1* or *c.0.2*" in subparagraph *c.1* of the first paragraph by "in respect of its share of the portion of the eligible expenses" and "of paragraph *c.0.2*", respectively;

(6) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph *c.1* of the first paragraph:

"(c.2) 45% in respect of its share of the portion of the eligible expenses of the partnership for the particular fiscal period that constitute such expenses by reason of paragraph *d.2* of the definition of "eligible expenses" in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;"

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

"The total of all amounts each of which is a corporation's share of the eligible expenses that are referred to in the first paragraph for a taxation year, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec, and of one-half of its share of the eligible expenses referred to in the first paragraph for a taxation year that

are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec may not exceed the amount that is the amount by which the balance of the corporation's cumulative eligible expense limit for the year exceeds the aggregate of all amounts each of which is

(a) the eligible expenses, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec, that are referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.168 or 1029.8.36.170 for the year and in respect of which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister for the year under section 1029.8.36.168 or 1029.8.36.170, as the case may be;

(b) one-half of the eligible expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec, that are referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.168 or 1029.8.36.170 for the year and in respect of which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister for the year under section 1029.8.36.168 or 1029.8.36.170, as the case may be;

(c) its share of the portion of the eligible expenses that is referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.169 for the year, other than expenses that are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec, in respect of which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister for the year under section 1029.8.36.169; or

(d) one-half of its share of the portion of the eligible expenses that is referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.169 for the year, in respect of which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister for the year under section 1029.8.36.169, to the extent that those eligible expenses are mainly attributable to critical minerals or strategic minerals incurred in the Far North of Québec.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies to a fiscal period of a partnership that begins after 25 March 2025. In addition, where section 1029.8.36.171 of the Act applies in respect of expenses incurred after 25 March 2025 in a fiscal period of a partnership that begins before 26 March 2025,

(1) subparagraph *b* of its first paragraph is replaced by the following subparagraphs:

“(a.1) 22.5% of its share of the eligible expenses of the partnership for the particular fiscal period that constitute such expenses by reason of any of paragraphs *a.0.1*, *c.0.1* and *d.1* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;

“(b) 28% of its share of the eligible expenses of the partnership for the particular fiscal period that constitute such expenses by reason of any of paragraphs *a*, *a.0.2*, *b* and *e* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;”;

(2) subparagraph *c.1* of its first paragraph is amended by replacing “of paragraph *c.0.1* or *c.0.2*” by “of paragraph *c.0.2*”; and

(3) the following subparagraph is inserted after subparagraph *c.1* of its first paragraph:

“(c.2) 45% of its share of the eligible expenses of the partnership for the particular fiscal period that constitute such expenses by reason of paragraph *d.2* of the definition of “eligible expenses” in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.36.167, to the extent that the expenses are paid;”.

106. (1) Section 1029.8.50 of the Act, amended by section 131 of chapter 27 of the statutes of 2025, is again amended, in the second paragraph,

(1) by inserting “in computing the individual’s income” after “amount” in subparagraph *b*;

(2) by adding the following subparagraph at the end:

“(c) in respect of an individual who deducts an amount in computing the individual’s income for a taxation year preceding the particular year under paragraph *d.0.2* of section 336 as a repayment of a benefit referred to in the first paragraph.”

(2) Paragraph 2 of subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2019.

107. (1) The heading of Division II.11.2 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX of Part I of the Act is replaced by the following heading:

“CREDITS GRANTING ALLOWANCES TO FAMILIES”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

108. (1) Section 1029.8.61.8 of the Act is amended by inserting the following definition in alphabetical order:

““family allowance for bereaved parents” means an amount that an individual is entitled to receive under section 1029.8.61.31.2, the second paragraph of section 1029.8.61.31.3 or any of sections 1029.8.61.31.4 to 1029.8.61.31.6;”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

109. (1) The heading of subdivision 2 of Division II.11.2 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX of Part I of the Act is replaced by the following heading:

“§2. — *Credit granting a family allowance*”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

110. (1) The Act is amended by striking out the following before section 1029.8.61.28:

“§3.—*Payment and recovery by Retraite Québec*”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

111. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following after section 1029.8.61.31:

“§2.1.—*Credits ensuring the maintenance of an allowance following the death of a child*”

“**1029.8.61.31.1.** In this subdivision,

“excluded individual”, in relation to a child, means an individual who is found guilty of making an attempt on the child’s life;

“month of minority” of a child means a month at the beginning of which the child would have been under 18 years of age had the child not died.

“**1029.8.61.31.2.** Where an individual is entitled to receive, for a particular month, an amount in respect of a family allowance under section 1029.8.61.18 in respect of a child and that child dies in that month, the individual remains entitled, unless the individual is an excluded individual in relation to the child, to receive, for each month of minority of the child that is included in the 12-month period that follows the particular month and at the beginning of which the individual meets the conditions set out in the third paragraph (in this section and section 1029.8.61.31.3 referred to as the “eligible month”), an amount in respect of that child equal to the amount determined by the formula

$A - B + C + D.$

In the formula in the first paragraph,

(a) A is the amount that has been determined, under section 1029.8.61.18, in respect of the individual for the particular month in respect of a family allowance and paid to the individual in that month or a quarter including that month, other than the portion of that amount that is a supplement for the purchase of school supplies, where applicable;

(b) B is the amount that would have been determined, under section 1029.8.61.18, in respect of the individual for the particular month in respect of a family allowance and would have been paid to the individual in that month or a quarter including that month if the individual was not, at the beginning of that month, an eligible individual in respect of the deceased child, other than the portion of that amount that is a supplement for the purchase of school supplies, where applicable;

(c) C is

i. where no amount in respect of the supplement for handicapped children is included in respect of the deceased child in the amount described in subparagraph *a*, the amount to which that child entitles the individual, for the particular month, in respect of that supplement or 50% of that amount where section 1029.8.61.18.2 applies for the particular month in respect of the individual, provided that amount results from an application referred to in section 1029.8.61.19 filed with Retraite Québec

(1) before the child's death, or

(2) after the child's death and for which the time for filing has not been extended under section 1029.8.61.24.1, or

ii. in any other case, an amount equal to zero; and

(d) D is

i. where no amount in respect of the supplement for handicapped children requiring exceptional care is included in respect of the deceased child in the amount described in subparagraph *a*, the amount to which that child entitles the individual, for the particular month, in respect of that supplement or 50% of that amount where section 1029.8.61.18.2 applies for the particular month in respect of the individual, provided that amount results from an application referred to in section 1029.8.61.19.1 filed with Retraite Québec

(1) before the child's death, or

(2) after the child's death and for which the time for filing has not been extended under section 1029.8.61.24.1, or

ii. in any other case, an amount equal to zero.

The conditions to which the first paragraph refers are

(a) those mentioned in paragraphs *c* to *e* of the definition of "eligible individual" in section 1029.8.61.8; and

(b) the condition that the individual be a person who is not deceased.

The amount determined under the first paragraph in respect of the individual for an eligible month is deemed to be an overpayment of the individual's tax payable under this Part for that month.

Retraite Québec shall pay to the individual any amount determined in respect of the individual under the first paragraph at the same frequency as that applicable, under section 1029.8.61.28, for the payment of the amount that the individual is entitled to receive in respect of the child, for the particular month, in respect of a family allowance under section 1029.8.61.18.

This section applies to an individual only if the individual's entitlement to receive, for the particular month, an amount in respect of a family allowance in respect of the child is established following an application referred to in the first paragraph of section 1029.8.61.24 filed, or deemed to be filed, with Retraite Québec before the date of the child's death and, where the child died outside Québec, only if the individual notifies Retraite Québec of the child's death before the end of the twelfth month that follows the particular month.

“1029.8.61.31.3. The amount determined for an eligible month under the first paragraph of section 1029.8.61.31.2 in respect of an individual entitled to receive, for the month in which a child died, an amount in respect of a family allowance in respect of that child must be replaced by the product obtained by multiplying that amount by 50%, where

(a) immediately before the child's death, the individual has a cohabiting spouse who is an eligible individual in respect of the child and, at that time, each of them has a bond of filiation with the child;

(b) the individual and the person who was that cohabiting spouse (in this section referred to as the “other parent”) are living separate and apart at the beginning of the eligible month;

(c) the eligible month is subsequent to the month in which Retraite Québec is notified of the change in the individual's spousal status under section 1029.8.61.26 or 1029.8.61.31.7; and

(d) the amount determined for the eligible month has not been paid to the individual.

If the individual files an application for a family allowance for bereaved parents with Retraite Québec before the end of the 12-month period that follows the month in which the child died and the individual is not an excluded individual in relation to that child, the other parent is entitled to receive, for each remaining month included in that period and at the beginning of which the individual meets the conditions set out in the third paragraph of section 1029.8.61.31.2, an amount in respect of the child equal to the product determined under the first paragraph.

The amount determined for a remaining month under the second paragraph in respect of the other parent is deemed to be an overpayment of that parent's tax payable under this Part for that month.

Retraite Québec shall pay to the other parent any amount determined in respect of that parent under the second paragraph according to the payment frequency applicable in respect of the individual under the fifth paragraph of section 1029.8.61.31.2.

For the purposes of subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph, two persons shall be considered to be living separate and apart at the beginning of an eligible month if they were living separate and apart at that time, because of a breakdown of their marriage, and the separation lasted for a period of at least 90 days that includes that time.

For the purposes of this section,

(a) a remaining month is a month that is subsequent to the month in which the application referred to in the second paragraph is filed with Retraite Québec and that is a month of minority of the child; and

(b) the first remaining month included in the 12-month period that follows the month in which the child died may not precede the first eligible month in respect of which the first paragraph applies.

“**1029.8.61.31.4.** Where no amount is determined under section 1029.8.61.31.2 in respect of an individual for a month of minority of a child included in the 12-month period that follows the month of the child’s death solely because the individual does not meet, at the beginning of that month of minority, the condition mentioned in subparagraph *b* of the third paragraph of section 1029.8.61.31.2, the person referred to in the second paragraph is entitled to receive, for each remaining month included in that period and at the beginning of which the person meets the conditions set out in that third paragraph, an amount in respect of the child equal to the amount that would otherwise have been determined, for that month of minority, in respect of the individual, provided that person

(a) is not an excluded individual in relation to the child; and

(b) files an application for a family allowance for bereaved parents with Retraite Québec before the end of that period.

A person is referred to in this paragraph if

(a) the person is an eligible individual in respect of the child immediately before the child’s death and, at that time, the person is the individual’s cohabiting spouse and each of them has a bond of filiation with the child; and

(b) the person is still the individual’s cohabiting spouse immediately before the individual ceases to be a person described in subparagraph *b* of the third paragraph of section 1029.8.61.31.2.

The amount determined for a remaining month under the first paragraph in respect of the person referred to in the second paragraph is deemed to be an overpayment of that person’s tax payable under this Part for that month.

Retraite Québec shall pay to the person referred to in the second paragraph any amount determined in respect of that person under this section according to the payment frequency that would have been applicable in respect of the individual under the fifth paragraph of section 1029.8.61.31.2 if the individual had met the condition mentioned in subparagraph *b* of the third paragraph of that section.

In this section, “remaining month” means a month that is subsequent to the month in which the individual ceases to be a person described in subparagraph *b* of the third paragraph of section 1029.8.61.31.2 and that is a month of minority of the child.

“1029.8.61.31.5. Where no amount is determined under section 1029.8.61.31.2 in respect of an individual for a month of minority of a child included in the 12-month period that follows the month of the child’s death solely because the individual does not meet, at the beginning of that month of minority, the condition set out in subparagraph *a* of the third paragraph of that section where that subparagraph refers to paragraph *c* of the definition of “eligible individual” in section 1029.8.61.8, the person referred to in the second paragraph is entitled to receive, for each remaining month included in that period and at the beginning of which that person meets the conditions set out in the third paragraph of section 1029.8.61.31.2, an amount in respect of the child equal to 50% of the amount that would otherwise have been determined, for that month of minority, in respect of the individual, provided that person

(a) is not an excluded individual in relation to the child; and

(b) files an application for a family allowance for bereaved parents with Retraite Québec before the end of that period.

A person is referred to in this paragraph if

(a) the person is an eligible individual in respect of the child immediately before the child’s death and, at that time, the person is the individual’s cohabiting spouse and each of them has a bond of filiation with the child; and

(b) the person is still the individual’s cohabiting spouse immediately before the individual ceases to meet the condition mentioned in paragraph *c* of the definition of “eligible individual” in section 1029.8.61.8.

The amount determined for a remaining month under the first paragraph in respect of the person referred to in the second paragraph is deemed to be an overpayment of that person’s tax payable under this Part for that month.

Retraite Québec shall pay to the person referred to in the second paragraph any amount determined in respect of that person under this section according to the payment frequency that would have been applicable in respect of the

individual under the fifth paragraph of section 1029.8.61.31.2 if the individual had met the condition mentioned in paragraph *c* of the definition of “eligible individual” in section 1029.8.61.8.

In this section, “remaining month” means a month that is subsequent to the month in which the application referred to in the first paragraph is filed with Retraite Québec and that is a month of minority of the child.

“1029.8.61.31.6. Where no amount is determined under section 1029.8.61.31.2 in respect of an individual for a particular month included in the 12-month period that follows the month of a child’s death solely because the individual is an excluded individual in relation to that child, the person referred to in the second paragraph is entitled to receive, for each month of minority of the child that is included in that period and at the beginning of which that person meets the conditions set out in the third paragraph of section 1029.8.61.31.2 (in this section referred to as the “eligible month”), an amount in respect of the child equal to the amount that would have been otherwise determined, for the particular month, in respect of the individual, provided that person

(a) is not an excluded individual in relation to the child; and

(b) files an application for a family allowance for bereaved parents with Retraite Québec before the end of that period.

A person is referred to in this paragraph if

(a) the person is an eligible individual in respect of the child immediately before the child’s death and, at that time, the person is the individual’s cohabiting spouse and each of them has a bond of filiation with the child; and

(b) the person is still the individual’s cohabiting spouse immediately before the individual becomes an excluded individual in relation to the child.

The amount determined under the first paragraph for an eligible month in respect of the person referred to in the second paragraph is deemed to be an overpayment of that person’s tax payable under this Part for that month.

Retraite Québec shall pay to the person referred to in the second paragraph any amount determined in respect of that person under this section according to the payment frequency that would have been applicable in respect of the individual under the fifth paragraph of section 1029.8.61.31.2 if the individual had not been an excluded individual in relation to the child.

“1029.8.61.31.7. An individual shall notify Retraite Québec of any change in circumstances that may affect the individual’s entitlement to receive, in respect of a deceased child, an amount under any of sections 1029.8.61.31.2 to 1029.8.61.31.6.

The individual shall notify Retraite Québec before the end of the month that follows the month in which the change in circumstances occurs.

The third paragraph of section 1029.8.61.26 applies, with the necessary modifications, to allow Retraite Québec to consider that a change in circumstances has been communicated to it.

In addition, for the purposes of subparagraph *c* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.61.31.3, Retraite Québec may consider that a change in spousal status has been communicated to it if an application for a family allowance for bereaved parents has been filed with it under the second paragraph of that section.

“1029.8.61.31.8. Retraite Québec may suspend the payment of an amount that an individual is entitled to receive under any of sections 1029.8.61.31.2 to 1029.8.61.31.6 in respect of a deceased child on being informed that the individual has been charged with making an attempt on the child’s life.

Retraite Québec shall give written notice of the suspension of payment, setting out the reasons for the suspension.

“1029.8.61.31.9. The first paragraph of section 1029.8.61.27, sections 1029.8.61.29 and 1029.8.61.30 and the first paragraph of section 1029.8.61.31 apply, with the necessary modifications, to this subdivision.

“§3. — *Recovery by Retraite Québec*”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies in respect of a death occurring after 30 June 2025, except where it enacts the heading of subdivision 3 of Division II.11.2 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX of Part I of the Act, in which case it has effect from 1 July 2025.

112. (1) Sections 1029.8.61.32 and 1029.8.61.33 of the Act are amended by inserting “or family allowance for bereaved parents” after “family allowance”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

113. (1) Section 1029.8.61.35 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Similarly, where, for a particular month, Retraite Québec has paid to an individual, as or on account of a family allowance for bereaved parents, an amount to which the individual was not entitled and that individual is the cohabiting spouse of another individual who was entitled to receive that amount, the other individual and the other individual’s cohabiting spouse are solidarily liable in respect of the payment to Retraite Québec of that amount, to the extent that it may reasonably be considered that that amount relates to the application of any of sections 1029.8.61.31.2 to 1029.8.61.31.6 and that the individual was the other individual’s cohabiting spouse at the time the payment was made.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

114. (1) Section 1029.8.61.36 of the Act is amended by inserting the following paragraph after the first paragraph:

“Similarly, Retraite Québec may allocate any amount to be paid, in relation to a deceased child, to an individual as or on account of a family allowance for bereaved parents for a particular month to the payment of either of the following amounts, and give the individual notice thereof:

(a) an amount of which the individual is a debtor as a consequence of the application, in relation to that child and during that child’s lifetime, of the provisions of subdivision 2, if the individual does not have at least one other child in respect of whom the individual is entitled to receive an amount as or on account of a family allowance under section 1029.8.61.18; or

(b) an amount of which the individual is a debtor as a consequence of the application, in relation to that child and after that child’s death, of the provisions of subdivision 2 while Retraite Québec was not notified of the death.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

115. (1) Section 1029.8.61.45 of the Act is amended, in the first paragraph,

(1) by inserting “or family allowance for bereaved parents” after “family allowance”;

(2) by replacing “section 1029.8.61.18” by “any of sections 1029.8.61.18 and 1029.8.61.31.2 to 1029.8.61.31.6”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

116. (1) Section 1029.8.61.48 of the Act is amended by inserting “or family allowance for bereaved parents” after “family allowance” in subparagraphs *a* and *b* of the first paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

117. (1) Section 1029.8.61.49 of the Act is amended by inserting “or family allowance for bereaved parents” after “family allowance”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

118. (1) Section 1029.8.61.50 of the Act is amended by inserting “or family allowance for bereaved parents” after “family allowance” in the first paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

119. (1) Section 1029.8.61.51 of the Act is amended by inserting “or family allowance for bereaved parents” after all occurrences of “family allowance”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

120. (1) Section 1029.8.61.54 of the Act is amended by inserting “or family allowance for bereaved parents” after “family allowance” in the first paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

121. (1) Section 1029.8.61.57 of the Act is amended by inserting “or family allowance for bereaved parents” after “family allowance”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

122. (1) Section 1029.8.61.59 of the Act is amended by inserting “or family allowance for bereaved parents” after “family allowance” in the first paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

123. (1) Section 1029.8.61.60 of the Act is amended by inserting “or family allowance for bereaved parents” after “family allowance”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 July 2025.

124. (1) Section 1029.8.61.96.17 of the Act is amended by replacing “determined under section 1029.8.61.96.12” by “determined under subparagraphs i and ii of paragraph *a* of section 1029.8.61.96.12 or paragraph *b* of that section”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2020.

125. (1) Section 1029.8.67 of the Act, amended by section 132 of chapter 27 of the statutes of 2025, is again amended by replacing the definition of “qualified educational institution” by the following definition:

““qualified educational institution” means

(a) an educational institution referred to in any of subparagraphs 1, 3 and 4 of subparagraph *i* of paragraph *a* of section 752.0.18.10; or

(b) an educational institution that is, at the time referred to in the portion of paragraph *b* of the definition of “child care expense” before subparagraph *i*, a recognized educational institution within the meaning of section 752.0.18.10.3.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

126. (1) Section 1029.8.116.38 of the Act is amended by inserting “preceding the taxation year 2026” after “of a taxation year” in the portion before the formula in the first paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 25 March 2025.

127. (1) Section 1052 of the Act is amended by inserting “of paragraph *d.0.2* of section 336,” after “the application” in the portion before paragraph *a*.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2019.

128. Section 1079.8.15.8 of the Act, enacted by section 137 of chapter 27 of the statutes of 2025, is amended

(1) by replacing the portion of paragraph *a* of the definition of “designated Québec entity” in the first paragraph before subparagraph *i* by the following:

“(a) a taxpayer that is either an individual resident in Québec at the end of the taxation year or a corporation that, in the taxation year, is resident in Canada and has an establishment in Québec, and that is not”;

(2) by replacing paragraph *b* of the definition of “designated Québec entity” in the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

“(b) a partnership in respect of which

i. at least one of its members is either an individual resident in Québec at the end of the fiscal period or a corporation that, in that period, is resident in Canada and has an establishment in Québec, and

ii. the aggregate of all amounts, each of which is any of its designated members’ share of the partnership’s income or loss for the fiscal period, is less than 90% of that income or loss;”;

(3) by replacing subparagraphs *b* and *c* of the second paragraph by the following subparagraphs:

“(b) a share of the capital stock or indebtedness of a corporation not resident in Canada that is a foreign affiliate of the person or partnership;

“(c) an interest in, or indebtedness of, a trust not resident in Canada that is a foreign affiliate of the person or partnership;”;

(4) by inserting the following paragraphs after the second paragraph:

“For the purposes of this Book, the following rules apply in determining whether a corporation or trust not resident in Canada is a foreign affiliate of a taxpayer resident in Canada or of a partnership:

(a) the first paragraph of each of sections 571 and 573 is to be read as if a partnership were a taxpayer resident in Canada;

(b) subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph of section 573 is to be read as if the reference to “any corporation” were a reference to “any corporation not resident in Canada”; and

(c) if the taxpayer is a member of one or more partnerships described in the fourth paragraph of which a corporation or trust not resident in Canada is a foreign affiliate, and the taxpayer does not have a direct or indirect interest, determined without reference to section 592.1, in the corporation or trust other than through the taxpayer’s interest in the partnership, that corporation or trust is deemed not to be a foreign affiliate of the taxpayer.

A partnership to which subparagraph *c* of the third paragraph refers is one in respect of which the aggregate of all amounts, each of which is a share of the partnership’s income or loss for the fiscal period concerned of any of the following members of the partnership, is less than 90% of that income or loss:

(a) a member that is not resident in Canada; or

(b) a member that is a taxpayer all of whose taxable income for the taxation year in which that period ends is exempt from tax payable under this Part.”;

(5) by replacing “paragraph *b* of the definition of “designated Québec entity” in the first paragraph” in the third paragraph by “this section”.

129. Section 1079.8.15.9 of the Act, enacted by section 137 of chapter 27 of the statutes of 2025, is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“(c) the particular person’s share of an amount, in respect of the given partnership for the given fiscal period, is deemed to be equal to the agreed proportion, in respect of the particular person for that fiscal period, of that amount.”

130. Section 1079.8.15.10 of the Act, enacted by section 137 of chapter 27 of the statutes of 2025, is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The first paragraph does not apply to an individual, other than a trust, for the taxation year in which the individual first becomes resident in Canada.”

131. (1) Section 1086.21 of the Act is amended, in the second paragraph,

(1) by replacing the portion of subparagraph *b* before subparagraph *i* by the following:

“(b) B is, where the particular taxation year referred to in section 1086.20 is the first taxation year included in a repayment period of the individual, an amount equal to zero and, in any other case, the aggregate of all amounts each of which is”;

(2) by replacing subparagraph *d* by the following subparagraph:

“(d) D is

i. where the particular taxation year referred to in section 1086.20 is the first taxation year included in a repayment period of the individual, the aggregate of all amounts each of which is

(1) an amount paid by the individual on the acquisition of replacement shares in the particular taxation year referred to in section 1086.20 or within 60 days after the end of that year, or

(2) an amount paid by the individual on the acquisition of replacement shares in a taxation year preceding the particular taxation year referred to in section 1086.20 or within 60 days after the end of that preceding year, other than a taxation year included in a participation period of the individual that ended before the particular taxation year referred to in section 1086.20, or

ii. in any other case, the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount described in subparagraph 1.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the taxation year 2024.

132. (1) Section 1129.0.0.1 of the Act is amended by inserting “III.0.1.2,” after “III.0.1,” in the first paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

133. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following Part after section 1129.0.10.10:

“PART III.0.1.2

**“SPECIAL TAX RELATING TO THE CREDIT
FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT
AND PRE-COMMERCIALIZATION**

“1129.0.10.11. In this Part,

“contract payment” has the meaning assigned by section 1029.8.21.16.1;

“expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities” has the meaning assigned by section 1029.8.21.16.1;

“expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities” has the meaning assigned by section 1029.8.21.16.1;

“pre-commercialization activities” has the meaning assigned by section 1029.8.21.16.1;

“scientific research and experimental development” has the meaning assigned by section 1.

1129.0.10.12. Every corporation that is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.13 on account of its tax payable under Part I, for a particular taxation year, in respect of its expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities for the particular year or of its expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities for the particular year, shall pay the tax computed under the second paragraph for a subsequent taxation year (in this section referred to as the “repayment year”) in which

(a) an amount relating to a particular expenditure included in the corporation’s expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities for the particular year or in the corporation’s expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities for the particular year is, directly or indirectly, refunded or otherwise paid to the corporation or allocated to a payment to be made by the corporation; or

(b) a contract payment, government assistance or non-government assistance is received by a person or a partnership and the contract payment or assistance would have reduced, in accordance with subparagraph i or ii of paragraph c of section 1029.8.21.16.16, the amount of the corporation’s expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities for the particular year or its expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities for that year, if the person or partnership had received it, had been entitled to receive it or could reasonably have expected to receive it on or before the corporation’s filing-due date for the particular taxation year.

The tax to which the first paragraph refers is equal to the amount by which the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister for a taxation year preceding the repayment year, under any of sections 1029.8.21.16.13, 1029.8.21.16.17 and 1029.8.21.16.20, in respect of its expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities for the particular year or its expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities for the particular year, exceeds the total of

(a) the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that the corporation would be deemed to have paid to the Minister for a taxation year preceding the repayment year under any of sections 1029.8.21.16.13, 1029.8.21.16.17 and 1029.8.21.16.20, in relation to that expenditure, if

i. every amount that is so refunded, paid or allocated at or before the end of the repayment year, in relation to that expenditure, were refunded, paid or allocated in the particular year, and

ii. every contract payment, government assistance or non-government assistance referred to in subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph that is received by a person or a partnership at or before the end of the repayment year were received in the particular year; and

(*b*) the aggregate of all amounts each of which is a tax that the corporation is required to pay to the Minister under this section, for a taxation year preceding the repayment year, in relation to that expenditure.

However, the tax payable under this section must be computed without reference to any amount relating to an expenditure of the corporation referred to in subparagraph *k* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4 in respect of which section 1129.0.10.13 applies for the repayment year or applied for a preceding taxation year.

“1129.0.10.13. Every corporation that, in relation to a particular expenditure referred to in subparagraph *k* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4, is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister, under section 1029.8.21.16.13, for any taxation year, shall pay, for a particular taxation year, the tax computed under the second paragraph where, at any time after the corporation’s filing-due date for the taxation year preceding the particular year and during the period described in the third paragraph, all or substantially all of the property ceases, otherwise than by reason of its loss, the involuntary destruction of the property by fire, theft or water, or a major breakdown of the property, to be used solely in Québec for scientific research and experimental development or for pre-commercialization activities, as the case may be,

(*a*) by or on behalf of the first purchaser of the property, where the first purchaser owns it at the time referred to in the portion before this subparagraph; or

(*b*) by or on behalf of a subsequent purchaser of the property that acquired it in any of the circumstances in which section 130R149 of the Regulation respecting the Taxation Act (chapter I-3, r. 1) applies, where the subsequent purchaser owns it at the time referred to in the portion before subparagraph *a*.

The tax to which the first paragraph refers is equal to the amount by which the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister under section 1029.8.21.16.13 or 1029.8.21.16.17, in relation to the particular expenditure for a taxation year preceding the particular year, exceeds the aggregate of all amounts each of which is a tax that the corporation is required to pay under section 1129.0.10.12, in relation to the particular expenditure, for a taxation year preceding the particular year.

The period to which the first paragraph refers is the period that begins on the particular day on which the property begins to be used by or on behalf of its first purchaser or by or on behalf of a subsequent purchaser that acquired the property in any of the circumstances in which section 130R149 of the Regulation respecting the Taxation Act applies and ends on the earliest of

- (a) the last day of the property's expected useful life;
- (b) the 730th day following the particular day; and
- (c) the corporation's filing-due date for the particular taxation year.

“1129.0.10.14. Every corporation that is a member of a partnership and is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister, under section 1029.8.21.16.14, on account of its tax payable under Part I, for a particular taxation year, in respect of the partnership's expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities for the partnership's particular fiscal period that ends in the particular year or of the partnership's expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities for that particular fiscal period, shall pay the tax computed under the second paragraph for the taxation year in which a subsequent fiscal period of the partnership (in this section referred to as the “fiscal period of repayment”) ends, within which

(a) an amount relating to a particular expenditure included in the partnership's expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities for the particular fiscal period or in the partnership's expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities for the particular fiscal period is, directly or indirectly, refunded or otherwise paid to the partnership or corporation, or allocated to a payment to be made by the partnership or corporation; or

(b) a contract payment, government assistance or non-government assistance is received by a person or another partnership and the contract payment or assistance would have reduced, in accordance with subparagraph i or ii of paragraph *c* of section 1029.8.21.16.16, the amount of the partnership's expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities for the particular fiscal period or its expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities for the particular fiscal period, if the person or the other partnership had received it, had been entitled to receive it or could reasonably have expected to receive it on or before the day that is six months after the end of the particular fiscal period.

The tax to which the first paragraph refers is equal to the amount by which the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that the corporation would be deemed to have paid to the Minister for a taxation year in which a fiscal period of the partnership that precedes the fiscal period of repayment ends, under any of sections 1029.8.21.16.14 and 1029.8.21.16.18 to 1029.8.21.16.20, in respect of the partnership's expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities for the particular fiscal period or of the partnership's expenditure relating to pre-commercialization

activities for the particular fiscal period, if the agreed proportion in respect of the corporation for that preceding fiscal period were the same as that for the fiscal period of repayment, exceeds the total of

(a) the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that the corporation would be deemed to have paid to the Minister for a taxation year in which a fiscal period of the partnership that precedes the fiscal period of repayment ends, under any of sections 1029.8.21.16.14 and 1029.8.21.16.18 to 1029.8.21.16.20, in relation to that expenditure, if the agreed proportion in respect of the corporation for that preceding fiscal period were the same as that for the fiscal period of repayment and if

i. every amount that is so refunded, paid or allocated at or before the end of the fiscal period of repayment, in relation to that expenditure, were refunded, paid or allocated in the particular fiscal period, and

ii. every contract payment, government assistance or non-government assistance referred to in subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph that is received by a person or another partnership at or before the end of the fiscal period of repayment were received in the particular fiscal period; and

(b) the aggregate of all amounts each of which is a tax that the corporation would be required to pay to the Minister under this section, for a taxation year preceding the taxation year in which the fiscal period of repayment ends, in relation to that expenditure, if the agreed proportion in respect of the corporation for the partnership's fiscal period that ends in the preceding taxation year were the same as that for the fiscal period of repayment.

For the purposes of the second paragraph, an amount referred to in subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *a* of that paragraph that is refunded or otherwise paid to the corporation or allocated to a payment to be made by the corporation is deemed to be an amount

(a) that is refunded or otherwise paid to the partnership or allocated to a payment to be made by the partnership; and

(b) that is determined by multiplying the amount refunded, paid or allocated by the reciprocal of the agreed proportion in respect of the corporation for the fiscal period of repayment.

However, the tax payable under this section must be computed without reference to any amount relating to an expenditure of the partnership referred to in subparagraph *k* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4 in respect of which section 1129.0.10.15 applies for the fiscal period of repayment or applied for a preceding fiscal period.

1129.0.10.15. Every corporation that is a member of a partnership and is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister, under section 1029.8.21.16.14, for any taxation year, in relation to a particular expenditure referred to in subparagraph *k* of the first paragraph of section 1029.8.21.16.3 or 1029.8.21.16.4,

shall pay, for a particular taxation year, the tax computed under the second paragraph where, at any time after the last day of the six-month period following the end of the partnership's fiscal period that ends in the taxation year preceding the particular year and during the period described in the third paragraph, all or substantially all of the property ceases, otherwise than by reason of its loss, the involuntary destruction of the property by fire, theft or water, or a major breakdown of the property, to be used solely in Québec for scientific research and experimental development or for pre-commercialization activities, as the case may be,

(a) by or on behalf of the first purchaser of the property, where the first purchaser owns it at the time referred to in the portion before this subparagraph; or

(b) by or on behalf of a subsequent purchaser of the property that acquired it in any of the circumstances in which section 130R149 of the Regulation respecting the Taxation Act (chapter I-3, r. 1) applies, where the subsequent purchaser owns it at the time referred to in the portion before subparagraph a.

The tax to which the first paragraph refers is equal to the amount by which the aggregate of all amounts each of which is an amount that the corporation is deemed to have paid to the Minister under any of sections 1029.8.21.16.14, 1029.8.21.16.18 and 1029.8.21.16.19, in relation to the particular expenditure for a taxation year preceding the particular year, exceeds the aggregate of all amounts each of which is a tax that the corporation is required to pay under section 1129.0.10.14, in relation to the particular expenditure, for a taxation year preceding the particular year.

The period to which the first paragraph refers is the period that begins on the particular day on which the property begins to be used by or on behalf of its first purchaser or by or on behalf of a subsequent purchaser that acquired the property in any of the circumstances in which section 130R149 of the Regulation respecting the Taxation Act applies and ends on the earliest of

(a) the last day of the property's expected useful life;

(b) the 730th day following the particular day; and

(c) the last day of the six-month period following the end of the partnership's fiscal period that ends in the particular year.

1129.0.10.16. For the purposes of Part I, except Division II.4.1.1 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX, the following rules must be taken into consideration:

(a) the tax paid at any time by a corporation to the Minister under section 1129.0.10.12 or 1129.0.10.13, in respect of its expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities or its expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities, is deemed to be an amount of assistance repaid at that time by the corporation, in respect of that expenditure, pursuant to a legal obligation; and

(b) the tax paid at any time by a corporation to the Minister under section 1129.0.10.14 or 1129.0.10.15, in respect of the expenditure relating to scientific research and experimental development activities or the expenditure relating to pre-commercialization activities of a partnership referred to in that section, is deemed to be an amount of assistance repaid at that time by the partnership, in respect of that expenditure, pursuant to a legal obligation.

“**1129.0.10.17.** Unless otherwise provided in this Part, section 6, the first paragraph of section 549, section 564 where it refers to the first paragraph of section 549, sections 1000 to 1024, subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph of section 1027 and sections 1037 to 1079.16 apply to this Part, with the necessary modifications.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

134. (1) The heading of Part III.1.1.9 of the Act is replaced by the following heading:

“SPECIAL TAX RELATING TO THE CREDIT
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF E-BUSINESS INTEGRATING
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONALITIES”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

135. Sections 1129.12.35 and 1129.12.36 of the Act are amended by replacing the third paragraph by the following paragraph:

“The rate to which subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *b* of the second paragraph refers is

(a) 25% if the redemption or repayment complies with the requirements of section 7 of the Cooperative Investment Plan Act (chapter R-8.1.1) and the qualifying security was acquired before 1 January 2023;

(b) 23.75% if the redemption or repayment complies with the requirements of section 7 of the Cooperative Investment Plan Act and the qualifying security was acquired after 31 December 2022 and before 26 March 2025;

(c) 19% if the redemption or repayment complies with the requirements of section 7 of the Cooperative Investment Plan Act and the qualifying security was acquired after 25 March 2025; or

(d) 30% in any other case.”

136. (1) Section 1129.27.4.1 of the Act is amended, in the definition of “annual limit amount”,

(1) by replacing “*c to f*” in the portion of paragraph *b* before subparagraph *i* by “*c to j*”;

(2) by replacing paragraph *c* by the following paragraph:

“(c) \$150,000,000, in respect of the capitalization period that begins on 1 March 2015 and ends on 29 February 2016 and the capitalization period that begins on 1 March 2025 and ends on 28 February 2026;”;

(3) by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

“(g) \$155,000,000, in respect of the capitalization period that begins on 1 March 2026 and ends on 28 February 2027;

“(h) \$160,000,000, in respect of the capitalization period that begins on 1 March 2027 and ends on 29 February 2028;

“(i) \$165,000,000, in respect of the capitalization period that begins on 1 March 2028 and ends on 28 February 2029; and

“(j) \$170,000,000, in respect of the capitalization period that begins on 1 March 2029 and ends on 28 February 2030;”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

137. (1) Section 1129.27.4.2 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting “and before 1 March 2025” after “2021” in the portion of subparagraph *f* of the first paragraph before the formula;

(2) by adding the following subparagraph at the end of the first paragraph:

“(g) if the particular capitalization period begins after 28 February 2025, the amount determined by the formula

$25\% \times (A - B)$.”;

(3) by replacing the portion of the second paragraph before subparagraph *b* by the following:

“In the formulas in the first paragraph,

(a) A is the paid-up capital of the class “A” shares of the capital stock of the Corporation issued during the particular capitalization period, except in the formula in subparagraph *g* of the first paragraph where it is the paid-up capital of the class “C” shares of the capital stock of the Corporation issued during the particular capitalization period; and”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

138. (1) The heading of Part III.6.2 of the Act is replaced by the following heading:

“SPECIAL TAX RELATING TO THE RECOVERY OF A TAX CREDIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SHARES ISSUED BY CAPITAL RÉGIONAL ET COOPÉRATIF DESJARDINS”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

139. (1) Section 1129.27.5 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

“**1129.27.5.** In this Part,

(a) “individual subject to tax” means

i. in relation to a class “A” share of the capital stock of the Corporation, the individual referred to in section 776.1.5.0.11, or

ii. in relation to a class “C” share of the capital stock of the Corporation, the individual referred to in section 776.1.5.0.15.7;

(b) “Corporation” means the corporation governed by the Act constituting Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins (chapter C-6.1); and

(c) a reference to a class “A” or class “C” share of the capital stock of the Corporation includes a reference to a fractional share of such a class.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

140. (1) Section 1129.27.6 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before the formula in the first paragraph by the following:

“**1129.27.6.** Subject to section 1129.27.7, where a share that is either a class “A” share of the capital stock of the Corporation or a class “C” share of that capital stock is redeemed or purchased by the Corporation less than seven years after its issue date, the individual subject to tax in respect of that share or, where applicable, the person to whom the share devolved as a consequence of the individual’s death is required to pay, for the taxation year in which the redemption or purchase is made, a tax under this Part equal to the amount determined by the formula”;

(2) by replacing subparagraph i of subparagraph b of the second paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“i. the product obtained by multiplying by the percentage specified in the third paragraph the amount paid for the purchase of the share by the individual subject to tax in respect of the share, and”;

(3) by replacing subparagraphs *b* to *f* of the third paragraph by the following subparagraphs:

“(b) where the share referred to in the first paragraph is a class “A” share of the capital stock of the Corporation,

i. 50%, if the share was issued before 1 March 2014,

ii. 45%, if the share was issued after 28 February 2014 and before 1 March 2016,

iii. 40%, if the share was issued after 29 February 2016 and before 1 March 2018,

iv. 35%, if the share was issued after 28 February 2018 and before 1 March 2021, or

v. 30%, if the share was issued after 28 February 2021 and before 1 March 2025; or

“(c) where the share referred to in the first paragraph is a class “C” share of the capital stock of the Corporation, 25%.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

141. (1) Section 1129.27.7 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before paragraph *a* by the following:

“**1129.27.7.** Section 1129.27.6 does not apply in respect of a class “A” or class “C” share of the capital stock of the Corporation that is redeemed or purchased by the Corporation under”;

(2) by inserting “or section 776.1.5.0.15.7, as the case may be” after “776.1.5.0.11” in paragraph *b*.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

142. (1) The heading of Part III.6.5 of the Act is replaced by the following heading:

“SPECIAL TAX RELATING TO THE NON-REFUNDABLE TAX
CREDIT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF E-BUSINESS
INTEGRATING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
FUNCTIONALITIES”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

143. (1) Section 1175.32 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion of subparagraph *i* of paragraph *a* before subparagraph 1 by the following:

“*i.* an amount equal to the amount obtained by multiplying the appropriate percentage determined under the second paragraph by the aggregate of”;

(2) by replacing subparagraph *i* of paragraph *b* by the following subparagraph:

“*i.* an amount equal to the amount obtained by multiplying the portion of the net value of the assets forming part of the operator’s system, for the operator’s last fiscal period that ends in the preceding calendar year, that does not exceed \$750,000,000 by

(1) where the calendar year precedes the year 2028, 0.75%, or

(2) where the calendar year is subsequent to the year 2027, the appropriate percentage determined under the second paragraph, and”;

(3) by replacing subparagraphs *i* and *ii* of paragraph *c* by the following subparagraphs:

“*i.* 0.20% of the portion of the net value of the assets (other than assets attributable to the production of electric power that are not used mainly under a contract referred to in the third paragraph) forming part of the operator’s system for the operator’s last fiscal period that ends in the preceding calendar year, that does not exceed \$750,000,000,

“*ii.* 0.55% of the portion of the net value of the assets (other than assets attributable to the production of electric power that are not used mainly under a contract referred to in the third paragraph) forming part of the operator’s system for the operator’s last fiscal period that ends in the preceding calendar year, that exceeds \$750,000,000, and

“*iii.* an amount equal to the amount obtained by multiplying, by the appropriate percentage determined under the second paragraph, the portion of the net value of the assets that are attributable to the production of electric power and that form part of the operator’s system for the operator’s last fiscal period that ends in the preceding calendar year (other than the assets used mainly under a contract referred to in the third paragraph).”;

(4) by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

“The percentage to which subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph, subparagraph 2 of subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph and subparagraph *iii* of subparagraph *c* of that paragraph refer is

(*a*) 0.70%, where the calendar year is the year 2027;

- (b) 0.80%, where the calendar year is the year 2028;
- (c) 0.90%, where the calendar year is the year 2029;
- (d) 1.00%, where the calendar year is the year 2030;
- (e) 1.10%, where the calendar year is the year 2031;
- (f) 1.20%, where the calendar year is the year 2032;
- (g) 1.30%, where the calendar year is the year 2033;
- (h) 1.40%, where the calendar year is the year 2034; or
- (i) 1.50%, where the calendar year is subsequent to the year 2034.

A contract to which subparagraphs i to iii of subparagraph *c* of the first paragraph refer is an electric power supply contract entered into between an operator and Hydro-Québec in respect of which the following conditions are met:

- (a) the operator is not a subsidiary of Hydro-Québec;
- (b) the contract is in force at any time in the operator's fiscal period referred to in any of those subparagraphs i to iii, as the case may be; and
- (c) the contract is entered into on or before 25 March 2025 or has been the subject, on or before that date, of a prior agreement on the price of electricity.

For the purposes of the third paragraph, a contract that has been renewed or extended at any time after 25 March 2025 is deemed to be no longer in force from that time."

- (2) Subsection 1 applies from the calendar year 2027.

144. (1) Sections 1175.33 and 1175.34 of the Act are amended by replacing "provided for in section" in the first and third paragraphs by "provided for in the first paragraph of section".

- (2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2027.

145. (1) Section 1175.39 of the Act is amended by replacing paragraphs *a* and *b* by the following paragraphs:

"(a) a municipality or municipal or public body performing a function of government in Canada; and

“(b) a corporation all of the shares of the capital stock of which, or a partnership all of the interests in which, are held, throughout its last fiscal period that ended in the calendar year that precedes the particular calendar year, by one or more of the following entities:

i. a municipality or municipal or public body performing a function of government in Canada,

ii. a corporation all of the shares of the capital stock of which are held, directly or indirectly through one or more corporations or partnerships, by one or more entities referred to in subparagraph i, and

iii. a partnership all of the interests in which are held, directly or indirectly through one or more corporations or partnerships, by one or more entities referred to in subparagraph i.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the calendar year 2005.

(3) Despite subsection 3 of section 154 of the Act amending the Taxation Act, the Act respecting the Québec sales tax and other provisions (2022, chapter 23) and for the purpose of determining the refund to which a corporation or a partnership may be entitled, because of the application of subsections 1 and 2 of that section 154, for a calendar year in respect of which the corporation or partnership paid a public utility tax before 18 December 2021, and for the purpose of determining the refund to which a body may be entitled, because of the application of subsections 1 and 2 of this section, for a calendar year in respect of which the body paid a public utility tax before 26 March 2025, section 1051 of the Act is to be read as follows:

“**1051.** Where an operator has filed a fiscal return for a calendar year and has paid as a public utility tax, interest or a penalty for that year an amount greater than the amount that was exigible, the Minister may refund the overpayment to the operator if application is made for it by the operator on or before 30 June 2026.”

(4) For the purpose of determining an amount of interest payable on an amount owed, because of the application of subsection 3, to a body, a corporation or a partnership for a calendar year in respect of which the body, corporation or partnership paid a public utility tax, section 1052 of the Act is to be read as follows:

“**1052.** Where the amount of an overpayment by an operator is refunded to, or applied to another liability of, the operator, interest thereon shall be paid to the operator for the period ending on the day the overpayment is refunded or applied, and beginning on the date on which an application for a refund is received by the Minister.”

(5) Despite sections 1010 to 1011 of the Act, the Minister of Revenue shall, under Part VI.4 of the Act, make any assessments of an operator's public utility tax, interest and penalties as are necessary for any calendar year to give effect to this section.

(6) An operator exempt from the payment of the public utility tax because of the application of subsections 1 and 2 is required to file with the Minister of Revenue, for a calendar year, the return referred to in the second paragraph of section 1175.40 of the Act only from the calendar year 2025; for the calendar year 2025, the return must be filed with the Minister of Revenue on or before the last day of the time provided for, in respect of that operator, in the third paragraph of that section 1175.40 or, if that day precedes 30 June 2026, on or before 30 June 2026.

146. (1) The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 1175.40:

“1175.40.1. Where a particular corporation or a particular partnership has paid tax under this Part for a particular calendar year, a municipality or municipal or public body performing a function of government in Canada that holds, throughout the last fiscal period of the particular corporation or particular partnership that ended in the calendar year preceding the particular calendar year, directly or indirectly through one or more other corporations or partnerships, a portion of the shares of the capital stock of the particular corporation or a portion of the interests in the particular partnership, as the case may be, is deemed, if the municipality or body, as the case may be, files with the Minister, for the particular calendar year, in the prescribed form a fiscal return containing prescribed information, to have paid to the Minister an amount equal to the proportion of the tax paid for the particular calendar year by the particular corporation or the particular partnership that the total of the voting shares in the capital stock of the particular corporation, or of the voting interests in the particular partnership, held, directly or indirectly, by the municipality or body, as the case may be, at the end of the last fiscal period, is of all the voting shares in the capital stock of the particular corporation or of all the voting interests in the particular partnership, at the end of that fiscal period.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, the following rules apply:

(a) if the interests in a partnership are non-voting, the partnership is deemed to be a corporation all the voting shares in the capital stock of which are owned by each member of the partnership in a proportion equal to the proportion that the member's share of the income or loss of the partnership for the fiscal period is of the income or loss of the partnership for that fiscal period, on the assumption that, if the income and loss of the partnership for that fiscal period are nil, the partnership's income for that fiscal period is equal to \$1,000,000; and

(b) where it can reasonably be considered that the main purpose of the allocation, for a fiscal period, of the voting rights attached to shares of the capital stock of a corporation or to interests in a partnership, is to increase the

amount that is deemed to be paid under this section by a municipality or municipal or public body performing a function of government in Canada, that allocation is deemed to be the one that is reasonable under the circumstances.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 January 2025.

147. (1) Section 1175.42 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“For greater certainty, where section 1005 applies in respect of an amount deemed to have been paid to the Minister by a municipality or municipal or public body performing a function of government in Canada, under section 1175.40.1, in respect of a tax referred to in this Part for a particular calendar year, it is to be read as follows:

“**1005.** The Minister shall, with dispatch, examine the fiscal return referred to in section 1175.40.1 sent to the Minister by a municipality or municipal or public body performing a function of government in Canada for a calendar year and assess any amount deemed to have been paid by that municipality or body under section 1175.40.1 for the year.””

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the calendar year 2025.

ACT RESPECTING THE SECTORAL PARAMETERS OF CERTAIN FISCAL MEASURES

148. (1) Section 1.1 of Schedule A to the Act respecting the sectoral parameters of certain fiscal measures (chapter P-5.1) is amended

(1) by replacing paragraphs 4 and 5 by the following paragraphs:

“(4) the tax credits for multimedia titles (general) provided for in sections 776.1.18.1 to 776.1.18.8 and 1029.8.36.0.3.8 to 1029.8.36.0.3.17 of the Taxation Act;

“(5) the tax credits for corporations specialized in the production of multimedia titles provided for in sections 776.1.18.9 to 776.1.18.16 and 1029.8.36.0.3.18 to 1029.8.36.0.3.26 of the Taxation Act;”;

(2) by replacing paragraph 12 by the following paragraph:

“(12) the tax credits for the development of e-business integrating artificial intelligence functionalities provided for in sections 776.1.19 to 776.1.26 and 1029.8.36.0.3.79 to 1029.8.36.0.3.83 of the Taxation Act;”.

(2) Paragraph 1 of subsection 1 has effect from 1 January 2025.

(3) Paragraph 2 of subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

149. (1) The heading of Chapter V of Schedule A to the Act is amended by replacing “OF TAX CREDIT” by “OF TAX CREDITS”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 January 2025.

150. (1) Section 5.1 of Schedule A to the Act is amended by replacing the definition of “tax credit for multimedia titles” in the first paragraph by the following definition:

““tax credit for multimedia titles” means either of the following fiscal measures from which a corporation may benefit:

(1) the fiscal measure provided for in Title III.3.1 of Book V of Part I of the Taxation Act, under which the corporation may deduct an amount in computing its tax payable under that Part for a taxation year; or

(2) the fiscal measure provided for in Division II.6.0.1.2 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX of Part I of the Taxation Act, under which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister of Revenue on account of its tax payable under that Part for a taxation year;”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 January 2025.

151. (1) Section 5.2 of Schedule A to the Act is amended by replacing “the tax credit” in the first and second paragraphs by “a tax credit”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 January 2025.

152. (1) The heading of Chapter VI of Schedule A to the Act is amended by replacing “OF TAX CREDIT” by “OF TAX CREDITS”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 January 2025.

153. (1) Section 6.1 of Schedule A to the Act is amended by replacing the definition of “tax credit for corporations specialized in the production of multimedia titles” in the first paragraph by the following definition:

““tax credit for corporations specialized in the production of multimedia titles” means either of the following fiscal measures from which a corporation may benefit:

(1) the fiscal measure provided for in Title III.3.2 of Book V of Part I of the Taxation Act, under which the corporation may deduct an amount in computing its tax payable under that Part for a taxation year; or

(2) the fiscal measure provided for in Division II.6.0.1.3 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX of Part I of the Taxation Act, under which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister of Revenue on account of its tax payable under that Part for a taxation year;”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 January 2025.

154. (1) Section 6.2 of Schedule A to the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “the tax credit” in the first paragraph by “a tax credit”;

(2) by replacing “from the fiscal measure” in the third paragraph by “from such a fiscal measure”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 January 2025.

155. (1) The heading of Chapter XIII of Schedule A to the Act is replaced by the following heading:

“SECTORAL PARAMETERS OF TAX CREDITS
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF E-BUSINESS INTEGRATING
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONALITIES”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

156. (1) Section 13.1 of Schedule A to the Act is replaced by the following section:

“**13.1.** In this chapter, “tax credit for the development of e-business integrating artificial intelligence functionalities” means either of the following fiscal measures from which a corporation may benefit:

(1) the fiscal measure provided for in Title III.4 of Book V of Part I of the Taxation Act, under which the corporation may deduct an amount in computing its tax payable under that Part for a taxation year; or

(2) the fiscal measure provided for in Division II.6.0.1.9 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX of Part I of the Taxation Act, under which the corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister of Revenue on account of its tax payable under that Part for a taxation year.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

157. (1) Section 13.2 of Schedule A to the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “from the tax credit for the development of e-business” in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by “from a tax credit for the development of e-business integrating artificial intelligence functionalities”;

(2) by replacing “the tax credit” in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by “that tax credit”;

(3) by replacing “the tax credit” in the second paragraph by “such a tax credit”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

158. (1) Section 13.3 of Schedule A to the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “5 and 7” in subparagraph 1 of the third paragraph by “5 to 7”;

(2) by replacing “5 and 7 of the first paragraph of section 13.5” in subparagraph 2 of the third paragraph by “5 to 7 of that first paragraph”;

(3) by adding the following subparagraphs at the end of the third paragraph:

“(3) the proportion of the corporation’s gross revenue deriving from activities described in subparagraphs 5 to 7 of the first paragraph of section 13.5 that is attributable to applications developed by the corporation to be used exclusively outside Québec by an ultimate beneficiary that is a person or partnership not dealing at arm’s length with the corporation; and

“(4) the proportion of the corporation’s gross revenue deriving from activities described in subparagraphs 8 and 9 of the first paragraph of section 13.5 that is ultimately attributable to applications developed, in the course of activities described in subparagraphs 5 to 7 of that first paragraph, to be used exclusively outside Québec by an ultimate beneficiary that is a person or partnership not dealing at arm’s length with the corporation.”;

(4) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“For the purposes of subparagraphs 3 and 4 of the third paragraph, the person or partnership that directly or indirectly uses an application developed to be used outside Québec, not the customers of the person or partnership, is considered to be the ultimate beneficiary of the application.”

(2) Paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection 1 apply in respect of a certificate issued to a corporation for a taxation year that begins after the date that applies to the corporation from among the following dates:

(1) 25 March 2025, where the corporation makes the election referred to in paragraph 1 of subsection 2 of section 164; and

(2) 31 December 2025, in any other case.

(3) Paragraphs 3 and 4 of subsection 1 apply in respect of a certificate issued for a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2025.

159. (1) Section 13.4 of Schedule A to the Act is amended by striking out “and 7” in the first paragraph.

(2) Subsection 1 applies in respect of an application for a certificate that a corporation files for a taxation year that begins after the date that applies to the corporation from among the following dates:

(1) 25 March 2025, where the corporation makes the election referred to in paragraph 1 of subsection 2 of section 164; and

(2) 31 December 2025, in any other case.

160. (1) Section 13.5 of Schedule A to the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “wholesaler-distributors” in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph by “merchant wholesalers”;

(2) by replacing “stores” and “443120” in subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph by “retailers” and “449212”, respectively;

(3) by replacing “511210” in subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph by “51321”;

(4) by replacing “consisting in data processing, hosting and” in subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph by “carried on by computing infrastructure providers and consisting in data processing, web hosting, and”;

(5) by replacing “541510” in subparagraph 7 of the first paragraph by “54151” and by replacing “de services” in that subparagraph in the French text by “services”;

(6) by replacing “5 and 7” in subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph by “5 to 7”;

(7) by striking out the third paragraph.

(2) Paragraph 6 of subsection 1 applies in respect of an application for a certificate that a corporation files for a taxation year that begins after the date that applies to the corporation from among the following dates:

(1) 25 March 2025, where the corporation makes the election referred to in paragraph 1 of subsection 2 of section 164; and

(2) 31 December 2025, in any other case.

161. (1) Section 13.6 of Schedule A to the Act is amended

(1) by striking out “and 7” in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph;

(2) by replacing “5 and 7” in the following provisions by “5 to 7”:

- the portion of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph before subparagraph *a*;
- subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph;
- the portion of subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph before subparagraph *i*;
- the third and fourth paragraphs;

(3) by inserting “and the third paragraph of section 13.3” after “In this section” in the portion of the sixth paragraph before subparagraph 1.

(2) Paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection 1 apply in respect of an application for a certificate that a corporation files for a taxation year that begins after the date that applies to the corporation from among the following dates:

(1) 25 March 2025, where the corporation makes the election referred to in paragraph 1 of subsection 2 of section 164; and

(2) 31 December 2025, in any other case.

(3) Paragraph 3 of subsection 1 applies in respect of a certificate issued for a taxation year that begins after 31 December 2025.

162. Section 13.10 of Schedule A to the Act is amended by striking out the third paragraph.

163. (1) Section 13.11 of Schedule A to the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “any of subparagraphs 2 to 4” in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by “subparagraph 2 or 4”;

(2) by striking out “to the maintenance or evolution of such information systems or such technology infrastructures or” in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph;

(3) by striking out the second and third paragraphs.

(2) Paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection 1, except where that paragraph 3 strikes out the third paragraph of section 13.11 of Schedule A to the Act, apply in respect of an application for a certificate that a corporation files for a taxation year that begins after the date that applies to the corporation from among the following dates:

(1) 25 March 2025, where the corporation makes the election referred to in paragraph 1 of subsection 2 of section 164; and

(2) 31 December 2025, in any other case.

164. (1) Section 13.12 of Schedule A to the Act is amended

(1) by replacing subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“(1) activities not primarily related to e-business integrating artificial intelligence functionalities to a significant extent;”;

(2) by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“For the purposes of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph, a corporation’s activities carried out by an employee of the corporation are deemed not to be related to e-business integrating artificial intelligence functionalities to a significant extent if their results must be integrated into property intended for sale or their purpose concerns the operation of such property.”;

(3) by striking out the third and fifth paragraphs;

(4) by replacing “subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph” in the fourth paragraph by “paragraph 2”;

(5) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“For the purposes of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph, an activity is considered to be primarily related to e-business integrating artificial intelligence functionalities to a significant extent if the tasks an employee performs to carry it on are primarily related to e-business and relate to a mandate, project or product integrating artificial intelligence functionalities to a significant extent.”

(2) Paragraphs 1 to 3 and 5 of subsection 1, except where that paragraph 3 strikes out the fifth paragraph of section 13.12 of Schedule A to the Act, apply in respect of an application for a certificate that a corporation files for a taxation year that begins after the date that applies to the corporation from among the following dates:

(1) 25 March 2025, where the corporation so elects in writing and files the election with Investissement Québec before the end of the ninth month following the corporation’s filing-due date for its taxation year that begins after that date but before 1 January 2026; and

(2) 31 December 2025, in any other case.

165. Division IV of Chapter XIII of Schedule A to the Act, comprising section 13.14, is repealed.

166. (1) Section 1.1 of Schedule C to the Act is amended

(1) by replacing paragraph 4.1 by the following paragraph:

“(4.1) the refundable tax credit for university research and for research carried on by a public research centre or a research consortium, the tax credit for fees and dues paid to a research consortium and the tax credit for scientific research, experimental development and pre-commercialization provided for, respectively, in sections 1029.8.1 to 1029.8.7, 1029.8.9.0.2 to 1029.8.9.0.4 and 1029.8.21.16.1 to 1029.8.21.16.31 of the Taxation Act;”;

(2) by replacing paragraph 11 by the following paragraph:

“(11) the tax credit for university research and for research carried on by a public research centre or a research consortium and the tax credit for scientific research, experimental development and pre-commercialization provided for, respectively, in sections 1029.8.1 to 1029.8.7 and 1029.8.21.16.1 to 1029.8.21.16.31 of the Taxation Act;”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

167. (1) The heading of Chapter VI of Schedule C to the Act is replaced by the following heading:

“SECTORAL PARAMETERS OF TAX CREDIT
FOR RESEARCH CARRIED ON BY RESEARCH CONSORTIUM,
OF TAX CREDIT FOR FEES AND DUES PAID
TO RESEARCH CONSORTIUM AND OF TAX CREDIT
FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT
AND PRE-COMMERCIALIZATION”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

168. (1) Section 6.1 of Schedule C to the Act is amended by adding the following definition at the end:

““tax credit for scientific research, experimental development and pre-commercialization” means the fiscal measure provided for in Division II.4.1.1 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX of Part I of the Taxation Act, under which a corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister of Revenue on account of its tax payable under that Part for a taxation year.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

169. (1) Section 6.2 of Schedule C to the Act is replaced by the following section:

“**6.2.** To be recognized as an eligible research consortium, for the purposes of the tax credit for research carried on by a research consortium, the tax credit for fees and dues paid to a research consortium and the tax credit for scientific

research, experimental development and pre-commercialization, a body must obtain a certificate in its respect (in this chapter referred to as a “consortium certificate”) from the Minister.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

170. (1) Section 8.4 of Schedule C to the Act is amended by replacing “the design of industrially manufactured goods” by “a fashion design activity”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies in respect of an application for a certificate filed for a taxation year or fiscal period that begins after 25 March 2025.

171. (1) Section 8.5 of Schedule C to the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

“Fashion design comprises all the creative activities that consist in determining the formal properties of clothing products, textile products or accessories intended for industrial production. It is an iterative process establishing a relationship between materials, cut and function to meet physiological requirements, industrial constraints and market conditions.”;

(2) by striking out subparagraphs 1 and 3 of the third paragraph;

(3) by replacing subparagraph 4 of the third paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“(4) subject to the fourth paragraph, graphic design whose objective is to create visual communication objects, whether graphic artwork consisting in a written, figurative or symbolic representation of objects, facts or ideas, graphic artwork applied or printed on product packaging, or graphic artwork pertaining to business logos, advertising, identification codes, written care instructions and legally required notices such as the place of manufacture.”;

(4) by replacing “an industrially manufactured goods design” and “either aesthetically or in terms of its functionality” in the fourth paragraph by “a fashion design” and “aesthetically”, respectively.

(2) Subsection 1 applies in respect of an application for a certificate filed for a taxation year or fiscal period that begins after 25 March 2025.

172. (1) Section 8.8 of Schedule C to the Act is amended by replacing “an industrially manufactured goods design” in paragraph 2 by “a fashion design”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies in respect of an application for a certificate filed to enable a corporation to benefit from the design tax credit for a taxation year that begins after 25 March 2025 or for a taxation year in which a partnership’s fiscal period beginning after that date ends.

173. (1) Sections 8.10 and 8.12 of Schedule C to the Act are amended by replacing “the industrially manufactured goods design activities” in the portion before paragraph 1 by “the fashion design activities”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies in respect of an application for a certificate filed to enable a corporation to benefit from the design tax credit for a taxation year that begins after 25 March 2025 or for a taxation year in which a partnership’s fiscal period beginning after that date ends.

174. (1) The heading of Chapter XII of Schedule C to the Act is replaced by the following heading:

“SECTORAL PARAMETERS OF TAX CREDIT
FOR RESEARCH CARRIED ON BY PUBLIC RESEARCH CENTRE
AND OF TAX CREDIT FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH,
EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT
AND PRE-COMMERCIALIZATION”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

175. (1) Section 12.1 of Schedule C to the Act is amended by adding the following definition at the end:

“tax credit for scientific research, experimental development and pre-commercialization” means the fiscal measure provided for in Division II.4.1.1 of Chapter III.1 of Title III of Book IX of Part I of the Taxation Act, under which a corporation is deemed to have paid an amount to the Minister of Revenue on account of its tax payable under that Part for a taxation year.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

176. (1) Section 12.2 of Schedule C to the Act is replaced by the following section:

12.2. In order for a person to benefit from the tax credit for research carried on by a public research centre or the tax credit for scientific research, experimental development and pre-commercialization, a public research centre must be recognized by the Minister as an eligible public research centre.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 26 March 2025.

177. (1) Section 6.7 of Schedule H to the Act is amended by replacing both occurrences of “the tax credit” in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by “a tax credit”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 January 2025.

ACT RESPECTING THE RÉGIE DE L'ASSURANCE MALADIE
DU QUÉBEC

178. (1) Section 33 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (chapter R-5) is amended by replacing paragraph *d* of the definition of “total payroll threshold” in the first paragraph by the following paragraphs:

“(d) \$7,000,000 for the year 2022;

“(e) \$7,200,000 for the year 2023;

“(f) \$7,500,000 for the year 2024; and

“(g) \$7,800,000 for a year subsequent to the year 2024;”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the year 2026.

179. (1) Section 33.0.3.1 of the Act is repealed.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the year 2026.

ACT RESPECTING THE QUÉBEC PENSION PLAN

180. (1) Section 45 of the Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan (chapter R-9) is amended by replacing subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“(a) the worker’s income for the year from pensionable employment, computed in accordance with the Taxation Act (chapter I-3), without reference to the provisions of that Act provided for in the fourth paragraph, plus any deductions made in such computation and minus the amount obtained by multiplying by 100/14 the amount deducted by the worker from the worker’s tax otherwise payable for the year under section 752.0.10.0.11 of that Act;”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the year 2026.

181. (1) Section 50 of the Act is amended by replacing subparagraph *a* of the fourth paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“(a) the base wages, within the meaning of section 1159.1 of the Taxation Act (chapter I-3), the employee receives for the year from pensionable employment, minus the amount obtained by multiplying by 100/14 the amount deducted from the employee’s tax otherwise payable for the year under section 752.0.10.0.11 of that Act; and”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the year 2026.

ACT RESPECTING THE QUÉBEC SALES TAX

182. Section 1 of the Act respecting the Québec sales tax (chapter T-0.1), amended by section 161 of chapter 27 of the statutes of 2025, is again amended by inserting “retirement” after “registered” in subparagraph *l* of paragraph 1 of the definition of “investment plan”.

FUEL TAX ACT

183. (1) Section 10 of the Fuel Tax Act (chapter T-1) is amended by striking out subparagraph *v* of paragraph *b*.

(2) Subsection 1 applies in respect of biodiesel fuel acquired after 25 March 2025.

184. (1) Section 50.0.2 of the Act is amended by inserting the following paragraph before paragraph *a*:

“(0.a) “fuel” has the meaning assigned by regulation;”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 January 2024.

185. (1) Section 50.0.12 of the Act is amended by replacing “jurisdiction” in paragraph 1 by “jurisdiction” and “fuel”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 January 2024.

ACT TO GIVE EFFECT TO FISCAL MEASURES ANNOUNCED
IN THE BUDGET SPEECH DELIVERED ON 12 MARCH 2024
AND TO CERTAIN OTHER MEASURES

186. (1) Section 10 of the Act to give effect to fiscal measures announced in the Budget Speech delivered on 12 March 2024 and to certain other measures (2024, chapter 41) is amended by replacing “section 999.3 or 999.3.1” in subsection 2 by “section 985.8.2”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 5 December 2024.

REGULATION RESPECTING THE TAXATION ACT

187. (1) Section 895R1 of the Regulation respecting the Taxation Act (chapter I-3, r. 1) is amended by replacing subparagraph 2 of subparagraph *i* of paragraph *a* by the following subparagraph:

“(2) at the time referred to in that paragraph *f* or *f.1*, as the case may be, a recognized educational institution within the meaning of section 752.0.18.10.3 of the Act, or”.

(2) Subsection 1 applies from 1 January 2026.

188. (1) Section 1015R7 of the Regulation is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“The percentage to which subparagraph *d* of the first paragraph of section 1015R6 refers in relation to the acquisition of a qualifying security within the meaning of the Cooperative Investment Plan Act (chapter R-8.1.1) is

(a) 125% in the case of the acquisition of a qualifying security before 26 March 2025; or

(b) 100% in the case of the acquisition of a qualifying security after 25 March 2025.”

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 25 March 2025.

189. (1) Section 1079.1R2 of the Regulation is amended by replacing “or “B”” in subparagraph *i* of the second paragraph by “, “B” or “C””.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

190. (1) Section 1086R24 of the Regulation is amended

(1) by replacing the portion of subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph before subparagraph *i* by the following:

“(a) a share that is either a class “A” share of its capital stock that it issues to an individual in the period referred to in the first paragraph of section 776.1.5.0.11 of the Act in relation to the particular year or a class “C” share of its capital stock that it issues to an individual in the period referred to in the first paragraph of section 776.1.5.0.15.7 of the Act in relation to the particular year, except where, as the case may be,”;

(2) by replacing “and 776.1.5.0.15.4” in subparagraph *c* of the third paragraph by “, 776.1.5.0.15.4 and 776.1.5.0.15.7”.

(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 March 2025.

191. (1) The Regulation is amended by inserting the following section after section 1086R97:

“**1086R97.0.1.** Every educational institution that is situated in Québec and that is, at the end of a calendar year, a recognized educational institution within the meaning of section 752.0.18.10.3 of the Act must for the calendar year file an information return in prescribed form in respect of each person pursuing studies in the institution where the person is enrolled in the year.”

(2) Subsection 1 applies from the year 2027.

REGULATION RESPECTING THE APPLICATION
OF THE FUEL TAX ACT

192. (1) Section 50.0.2R1 of the Regulation respecting the application of the Fuel Tax Act (chapter T-1, r. 1) is replaced by the following section:

“**50.0.2R1.** For the purposes of Division IX.1 of the Act and of this division,

(a) “fuel” means fuel within the meaning of section R239 of the International Agreement; and

(b) “base jurisdiction” means

i. the jurisdiction where the carrier has his principal establishment, or

ii. the jurisdiction where the carrier’s motor vehicle referred to in section 50.0.12R1 is most frequently assigned, stored, repaired or in any other manner controlled.”

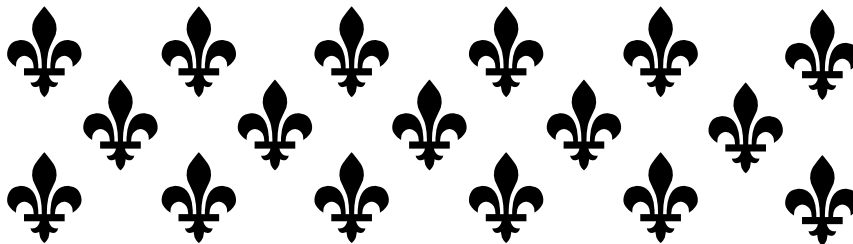
(2) Subsection 1 has effect from 1 January 2024.

FINAL PROVISION

193. This Act comes into force on 12 December 2025, except the provisions of sections 32 and 128 to 130, which come into force on the date of coming into force of section 137 of the Act to give effect to fiscal measures announced in the Update on Québec’s Economic and Financial Situation presented on 21 November 2024 and in the Budget Speech delivered on 25 March 2025 and to certain other measures (2025, chapter 27).

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

SECOND SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 14
(2025, chapter 36)

**An Act to strengthen the integrity
of voting in political parties'
leadership campaigns
and nomination contests**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Act amends the Election Act and the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities to create an offence for any undue influence on the vote of a person in the context of a political party leadership campaign or of a procedure for the designation of a political party candidate. For the purposes of the Election Act, the Act specifies that any campaign to designate a person who acts, alone or jointly with other persons, as leader or spokesperson of a party is considered a leadership campaign.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (chapter E-2.2);
- Election Act (chapter E-3.3).

Bill 14

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE INTEGRITY OF VOTING IN POLITICAL PARTIES' LEADERSHIP CAMPAIGNS AND NOMINATION CONTESTS

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I

AMENDING PROVISIONS

ACT RESPECTING ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS IN MUNICIPALITIES

1. The Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (chapter E-2.2) is amended by inserting the following section after section 591:

“591.1. Every person is guilty of an offence who,

(1) personally or through another person, in order to influence the vote of a person in the context of a political party leadership campaign or of a procedure for the designation of a political party candidate, obtains or attempts to obtain his vote, or incites him to abstain from voting by promising or granting him any gift, loan, office, employment or other benefit or by the use of threats; or who,

(2) in order to obtain or because he has obtained a gift, loan, office, employment or other benefit, agrees, in the context of a political party leadership campaign or of a procedure for the designation of a political party candidate, to abstain from voting or to vote for a candidate, abstains from voting or votes for a candidate, or incites a person to abstain from voting or to vote for a candidate.

The first paragraph does not apply

(1) to a financial representative who provides, as campaign expenses, food or beverages at a private assembly of persons held to promote the election of a candidate in a political party leadership campaign;

(2) to a person other than a financial representative who, at his own expense, provides food or beverages at such an assembly in the context of a political party leadership campaign or of a procedure for the designation of a political party candidate; or

(3) to a person who accepts any food or beverages provided in accordance with subparagraph 1 or 2.”

ELECTION ACT

2. Section 127.1 of the Election Act (chapter E-3.3) is amended by replacing “of this chapter” in the second paragraph by “of this Act”.

3. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 558:

“558.1. The following persons are liable to a fine of \$5,000 to \$20,000 for a first offence, and of \$10,000 to \$30,000 for any subsequent offence within 10 years:

(1) every person who, personally or through another person, in order to influence the vote of a person in the context of a political party leadership campaign or of a procedure for the designation of a political party candidate, incites or attempts to incite him to vote for a candidate or to refrain from voting by promising or granting him any gift, loan, office, employment or other benefit or by the use of threats; or

(2) every person who, in order to obtain or because he has obtained a gift, loan, office, employment or other benefit, agrees, in the context of a political party leadership campaign or of a procedure for the designation of a political party candidate, to refrain from voting or to vote for a candidate, or incites a person to refrain from voting or to vote for a candidate.

The first paragraph does not apply

(1) to a financial representative who provides, as campaign expenses, food or beverages at an assembly of persons or to any person working to promote the election of a candidate in the context of a political party leadership campaign;

(2) to any person other than a financial representative who, at his own expense, provides food or beverages at a private meeting of persons held to promote the election of a candidate in the context of a leadership campaign or of a procedure for the designation of a political party candidate; or

(3) to any person who accepts food or beverages.”

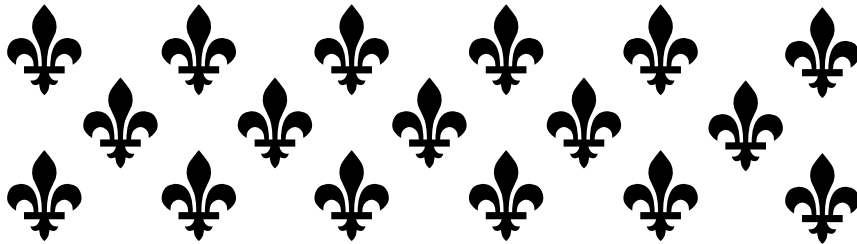
4. Section 569 of the Act is amended by replacing “or 558” in the second paragraph by “, 558 or 558.1”.

CHAPTER II
FINAL PROVISION

- 5.** The provisions of this Act come into force on 12 December 2025.

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

SECOND SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 108
(2025, chapter 37)

**An Act to amend the Act respecting
the Société de développement des
entreprises culturelles to modernize
the Société's financial service offer
and to recognize the digital creativity
industry**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Act amends the Act respecting the Société de développement des entreprises culturelles to modernize the Société's activities and to recognize its role in the digital creativity industry.

The Act specifies that the activities of the Société de développement des entreprises culturelles include providing financial services and supporting cultural enterprises according to their stage of development. It confers on the Société the power to establish subsidiaries and contains various provisions in that respect.

The Act entrusts to the Société the duty to establish an investment policy and gives it the power to determine certain tariffs for its services.

With respect to the digital creativity industry, the Act provides for, in particular, the addition of a member to the Société's board of directors who has suitable expertise and experience in that industry. It also establishes the Commission de la créativité numérique within the Société.

The Act also makes various amendments with respect to the operation of the Société's board of directors. It broadens the criteria for being a member of the board of directors, a commission or a committee of the Société so as to allow persons with suitable expertise and experience in the concerned cultural industry to sit on the board, a commission or a committee. It removes the obligation for the Société to appoint two general managers assigned to specific cultural industries as well as the provisions concerning the Société's plan of activities.

Lastly, the Act replaces the designation of "Conseil national de l'audiovisuel" by "Commission de l'audiovisuel".

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

– Act respecting the Société de développement des entreprises culturelles (chapter S-10.002).

Bill 108

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT RESPECTING THE SOCIÉTÉ DE DÉVELOPPEMENT DES ENTREPRISES CULTURELLES TO MODERNIZE THE SOCIÉTÉ'S FINANCIAL SERVICE OFFER AND TO RECOGNIZE THE DIGITAL CREATIVITY INDUSTRY

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

ACT RESPECTING THE SOCIÉTÉ DE DÉVELOPPEMENT DES ENTREPRISES CULTURELLES

1. Section 5 of the Act respecting the Société de développement des entreprises culturelles (chapter S-10.002) is amended, in the second paragraph,

(1) by replacing “Four” by “Five”;

(2) by replacing all occurrences of “active” by “with suitable expertise and experience”;

(3) by adding the following subparagraph at the end:

“(5) one person with suitable expertise and experience in the digital creativity industry.”

2. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 5:

“5.1. A vacancy on the board of directors is filled in accordance with the rules of appointment to the board.

A vacancy includes non-attendance at a number of board meetings determined in the by-laws of the Société, in the cases and circumstances specified therein.”

3. Section 10 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “constitutes a quorum at meetings of the board of directors” by “of the board of directors, including the president and chief executive officer or the chair of the board, constitutes a quorum at board meetings”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Decisions of the board are made by a majority vote of the members present.”

- 4.** Section 12 of the Act is repealed.
- 5.** Section 13 of the Act is amended
 - (1) in the first paragraph,
 - (a) by striking out “secretary and the other”;
 - (b) by striking out “by-law of”;
 - (2) in the second paragraph,
 - (a) by striking out “, by by-law,”;
 - (b) by striking out “, including the general managers,”.
- 6.** Section 16 of the Act is amended by replacing “provide that absence from a specified number of meetings constitutes a vacancy, in the cases and circumstances determined in the by-law” in the second paragraph by “provide a framework of operation for the board of directors and provide for the establishment of any committee and for the delegation of powers of the board of directors to a committee or to a member of the Société’s personnel”.
- 7.** The heading of Chapter II of the Act is amended by replacing “OBJECTS” by “MISSION, ACTIVITIES”.
- 8.** Section 17 of the Act is amended
 - (1) by replacing “objects of the Société are” by “mission of the Société is”;
 - (2) by inserting “digital creativity enterprises and” after “including”;
 - (3) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“To carry out this mission, the Société supports cultural enterprises through financial services and assistance measures while seeking to present a service offer that is complementary to that of the financial sector partners.”
- 9.** The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 17:

“17.1. In pursuing its mission, the Société

 - (1) provides financial services;
 - (2) provides assistance to cultural enterprises according to their stage of development; and
 - (3) carries out any mandate entrusted to it by law.”

10. Section 18 of the Act is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

“The Société may offer the following financial services to cultural enterprises:

- (1) a loan;
- (2) a guarantee of full or partial repayment of a financial commitment;
- (3) an investment;
- (4) a subsidy;
- (5) financial assistance that is partially repayable on the basis of revenues, if any; and
- (6) any other form of financial assistance authorized by the Government.”

11. Section 19 of the Act is replaced by the following sections:

“19. The Société may establish any subsidiary whose object is limited to exercising activities the Société itself can exercise. The same applies to a subsidiary of the Société.

The subsidiary has the same powers as the Société in exercising its activities, unless its constituting act withdraws or restricts its powers. The subsidiary exercises its activities in accordance with the provisions of this Act that apply to it.

The establishment of a subsidiary by the Société or one of its subsidiaries must be authorized by the Government, on the conditions the Government determines, except if the purpose of the subsidiary is a special investment or financing.

“19.1. For the purposes of this Act, a legal person or a 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 the Société 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 limited partnership is controlled by the Société when the Société or a legal person the Société controls is the general partner of the limited partnership. Any other partnership is controlled by the Société when the Société holds, directly or through legal persons the Société controls, more than 50% of the equity securities.

“19.2. The Société and its subsidiaries may not, without the Government’s authorization, by themselves or jointly in groups of two or more, acquire control of a legal person or a partnership.

The Société and its subsidiaries may not, without the Minister’s authorization, acquire, by themselves or jointly in groups of two or more, more than 30% of the equity securities of a partnership or equity securities of a legal person carrying more than 30% of the voting rights.

The first and second paragraphs do not apply when the acquisition of control or the acquisition of equity securities results from the establishment of a subsidiary. Nor does the second paragraph apply to the acquisition of equity securities valued at \$1,000,000 or less.

The Government or, as applicable, the Minister may subject the authorization to conditions the Government or Minister determines.

“19.3. The Société may subject the provision of a financial service to the conditions or to compliance with the contractual obligations it determines.

The Société may also require a surety or financial compensation for the risk associated with a financial service.

“19.4. The Société must adopt an investment policy as part of its activities and those of its subsidiaries that establishes, in particular,

- (1) the lines of intervention;
- (2) the return on investment targets;
- (3) the risk tolerance limits; and
- (4) the financial services concerned.

“19.5. Except with respect to the financial assistance programs, the Société makes its investments under normal conditions of profitability and in keeping with, in particular, its mission, while seeking a long-term average return that is at least equivalent to the Government’s borrowing rate.”

12. Section 21 of the Act is amended

- (1) by replacing “or the art market” in the first paragraph by “, the art market or digital creativity”;
- (2) by striking out the second paragraph.

13. Section 23 of the Act is amended by inserting “, 17.1” after “17”.

14. Section 24 of the Act is amended, in the second paragraph,

(1) by replacing “working” by “with suitable expertise and experience”;

(2) by replacing the second sentence by the following sentences: “Those persons shall not be members of the board of directors of the Société or of one of its subsidiaries, or of a commission referred to in Chapter III. Nor shall they be members of the personnel of the Société, one of its subsidiaries or the public service.”

15. Section 25 of the Act is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(a) in the introductory clause,

i. by replacing “shall” by “and each of its subsidiaries must”,

ii. by striking out “by regulation”;

(b) by replacing “disposing of them” in subparagraph 1 by “a partnership or disposing of them, for a sum exceeding the amount determined by the Government”;

(c) by striking out “regulation of” in subparagraph 4;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“This section does not apply in cases referred to in the third paragraph of section 19 and in section 19.2.”

16. Section 26 of the Act is amended

(1) by striking out “or person” and “or he” in the first paragraph;

(2) by striking out “or person” in the second paragraph.

17. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 26:

“27. If an enterprise fails to comply with the conditions applicable to the provision of a financial service by the Société or to fulfil its obligations toward the Société, the Société may suspend the provision of the service or terminate it.

For the same reasons, the Société may increase or reduce its obligations toward the enterprise, change the terms of those obligations or take any other step it considers necessary to preserve its rights.”

18. The heading of Chapter III of the Act is amended by striking out “COUNCIL AND”.

19. Section 28 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “A council under the name of “Conseil national de l’audiovisuel” and commissions under the names of” by “Commissions under the names of “Commission de l’audiovisuel”,”;

(2) by replacing “and “Commission des métiers d’art et du marché de l’art”” by “, “Commission des métiers d’art et du marché de l’art” and “Commission de la créativité numérique””.

20. Section 29 of the Act is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(a) by replacing “The council and each of the commissions are composed of” in the introductory clause by “Each of the commissions is composed of”;

(b) by replacing “who are active” in subparagraph 1 by “with suitable expertise and experience”;

(c) by striking out “council or” in subparagraphs 1 and 2;

(2) in the second paragraph,

(a) by striking out “of the council and”;

(b) by inserting “intérieur” after “règlement” in the French text.

21. Section 30 of the Act is amended

(1) in the second paragraph,

(a) by striking out “of the council and”;

(b) by inserting “intérieur” after “règlement” in the French text;

(2) in the third paragraph,

(a) by striking out “of the council and”;

(b) by inserting “intérieur” after “règlement” in the French text.

22. Section 31 of the Act is amended by striking out “of the council and those”.

23. Section 32 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

“32. The Société shall designate from among the members of its personnel, for each commission, a person assigned to a sector of activity corresponding to the field of competence of a commission to take part in the meetings of that commission, without being entitled to vote.

If that person is absent or unable to act, the Société shall designate another person as a substitute.”

24. Section 33 of the Act is amended

- (1) by striking out “council and the” in the first paragraph;
- (2) in the second paragraph,
 - (a) by replacing “Ils peuvent” in the French text by “Elle peut”;
 - (b) by striking out “the council or”.

25. Section 34 of the Act is amended

- (1) by striking out “the council and” in the first paragraph;
- (2) by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“The Société must consult the commissions on proposed financial assistance programs within their fields of competence.”

26. Section 35 of the Act is amended

- (1) in the first paragraph,
 - (a) by replacing “the council is” by “the Commission de l’audiovisuel is”;
 - (b) by replacing “the council may” by “the Commission may”;
- (2) by replacing “the council” in the second paragraph by “the Commission”.

27. Section 36 of the Act is repealed.

28. Section 38 of the Act is amended, in the first paragraph,

- (1) by replacing “of any loan taken out by the Société or of any obligation of the Société” in subparagraph 1 by “of any loan of the Société or of one of its subsidiaries as well as of any of their obligations”;

(2) in subparagraph 2,

(a) by inserting “or to one of its subsidiaries” after “Société”;

(b) by replacing “, the achievement of its objectives or the exercise of its powers” by “or for, as applicable, the carrying out of its mission, objects, activities and powers”.

29. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 38:

“**38.1.** The Société may determine a tariff of administrative, standby and professional fees for the provision of services, in particular financial services, that it offers to cultural enterprises.”

30. Section 39 of the Act is amended by replacing the first sentence by the following sentence: “The Société shall finance its activities out of the appropriations granted each year for that purpose by Parliament and out of the revenue it derives from the services, in particular the financial services, it provides to enterprises, the fees it charges and the other sums it receives or to which it is entitled.”

31. Section 40 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting “intérieur” after “règlement” in the first paragraph in the French text;

(2) by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“Unless otherwise provided in the Société’s by-laws, a signature may be affixed on a document by any means.”

32. Section 42 of the Act is amended by replacing “to financial assistance programs, the exercise and performance of its other powers and duties, and administration” in the second paragraph by “to the financial assistance programs, to the activities of its subsidiaries, to the exercise and performance of its other powers and duties and to its administration”.

33. Section 44.1 of the Act is amended by inserting “or one of its subsidiaries” at the end.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

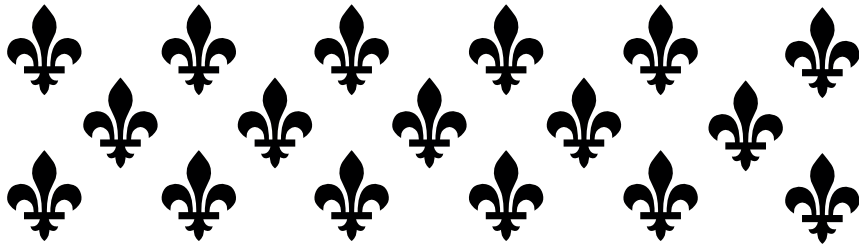
34. The Société de développement des entreprises culturelles must, not later than 12 June 2026, establish the Commission de la créativité numérique referred to in section 28 of the Act respecting the Société de développement des entreprises culturelles (chapter S-10.002), as amended by section 19 of this Act.

35. Until the Government determines an amount under subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 25 of the Act respecting the Société de développement des entreprises culturelles (chapter S-10.002), as amended by section 15 of this Act, the Société de développement des entreprises culturelles and each of its subsidiaries must obtain the authorization of the Government before acquiring stocks, shares or assets of a legal person or partnership or disposing of them for any sum exceeding \$4,000,000.

36. The provisions of this Act come into force on 12 December 2025, except those of paragraphs 1 and 3 of section 1, which come into force on the date of the appointment of the first member referred to in subparagraph 5 of the second paragraph of section 5 of the Act respecting the Société de développement des entreprises culturelles (chapter S-10.002), enacted by section 1 of this Act.

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

SECOND SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 109
(2025, chapter 38)

**An Act to affirm the cultural
sovereignty of Québec and to enact
the Act respecting the discoverability
of French-language cultural content
in the digital environment**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Act amends the Charter of human rights and freedoms in order to enshrine the right to discoverability of and access to original French-language cultural content.

The Act enacts the Act respecting the discoverability of French-language cultural content in the digital environment.

The enacted Act promotes discoverability of and access to original French-language cultural content in the digital environment. It applies to, in particular, every digital platform that offers a service for viewing audiovisual content online or for online listening as well as every manufacturer of television sets or of devices intended to be connected to a television set that include an interface enabling viewing of audiovisual content online.

The Act introduces the obligation for digital platforms that meet the criteria determined by government regulation to register with the Minister of Culture and Communications. It also introduces the obligation for digital platforms and manufacturers of television sets and connected devices to see to it that the interface of the digital platforms, television sets or devices may be easily configured in French, according to the conditions determined by government regulation.

Furthermore, the Act specifies that certain digital platforms and certain manufacturers of television sets and connected devices must see to it that the interface provides access to digital platforms meeting the presence and discoverability criteria for original French-language cultural content that are determined by government regulation. In addition, certain manufacturers of television sets and devices connected to a television set must see to it that the interface provides access to viewing platforms offering original French-language cultural content that are determined by government regulation.

The Act creates, within the Minister of Culture and Communications, the Bureau de la découvrabilité des contenus culturels and confers on the Minister responsibility for reporting to the Government on the evolution of the presence, discoverability and

consumption of original French-language cultural content in the digital environment.

The Act confers on the Government the power to make regulations in order to, in particular, establish the quantity or proportion of original French-language cultural content and of content available in a French version that must be offered by digital platforms as well as to establish criteria for determining what constitutes original French-language cultural content.

The Act also gives the Government the power to authorize the Minister to enter into an agreement with a digital platform in order to set out substitute measures for the obligations of the Act or the regulations.

Furthermore, the Act grants inspection and investigation powers and confers on the Minister the power to order a digital platform or a manufacturer to take the measures the Minister may indicate if of the opinion that the digital platform or the manufacturer is failing to perform the obligations imposed by the Act, the regulations or an agreement. The Act also introduces a system of monetary administrative penalties as well as penal provisions to ensure compliance with the Act and the regulations.

Lastly, the Act makes consequential amendments, and contains miscellaneous and final provisions.

LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THIS ACT:

- Act respecting the discoverability of French-language cultural content in the digital environment (2025, chapter 38, section 2).

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Charter of human rights and freedoms (chapter C-12);
- Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3);
- Act respecting the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications (chapter M-17.1).

Bill 109

AN ACT TO AFFIRM THE CULTURAL SOVEREIGNTY OF QUÉBEC AND TO ENACT THE ACT RESPECTING THE DISCOVERABILITY OF FRENCH-LANGUAGE CULTURAL CONTENT IN THE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I

RIGHT TO DISCOVERABILITY AND ACCESS

CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

1. The Charter of human rights and freedoms (chapter C-12) is amended by inserting the following section after section 42:

“**42.1.** Every person has a right, to the extent and according to the standards provided for by law, to discoverability of and access to original French-language cultural content.”

CHAPTER II

ENACTMENT OF THE ACT RESPECTING
THE DISCOVERABILITY OF FRENCH-LANGUAGE CULTURAL
CONTENT IN THE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT

2. The Act respecting the discoverability of French-language cultural content in the digital environment, the text of which appears in this chapter, is enacted.

“ACT RESPECTING THE DISCOVERABILITY
OF FRENCH-LANGUAGE CULTURAL CONTENT
IN THE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT

“AS culture plays a fundamental role in the vitality and development of societies, and as it is necessary to preserve and promote cultural and linguistic diversity, in particular in the digital age;

“AS Québec has the right and the capacity to act in order to preserve and promote the French language and Québec culture, including in the digital environment;

“AS the Parliament of Québec may adopt laws regarding activities under its legislative authority regardless of the technological means by which the activities are carried on;

“AS it is important for Québec to affirm its cultural sovereignty in the digital environment, in the spirit of UNESCO’s Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, which recognizes the sovereign right of States to adopt measures to protect the diversity of cultural expressions within their territory;

“AS Québec is the most legitimate judge of the state of its language and culture;

“AS digital platforms and connected devices play a preponderant role with regard to the recommendation and promotion of, and access to, cultural content;

“AS digital technologies, including artificial intelligence, must showcase the uniqueness of human creativity;

“AS cultural content refers to the symbolic meaning, artistic dimension and values that originate from or express cultural identities;

“AS the cultural content viewed, listened to or read by young people influences their development and their attachment to the Québec nation and its culture;

“AS, under the Charter of human rights and freedoms (chapter C-12), every person has a right, to the extent and according to the standards provided for by law, to discoverability of and access to original French-language cultural content;

“AS, according to section 90Q.2 of the Constitution Act, 1867, and section 1 of the Charter of the French language (chapter C-11), French is the only official and common language of Québec;

“RECOGNIZING the necessity of promoting, in the digital environment, original French-language cultural content, from Québec or elsewhere in the world, in order to preserve the richness of the French language, regardless of the technologies used;

“THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

“CHAPTER I

“PURPOSE AND SCOPE

“**1.** The purpose of this Act is to promote discoverability of and access to original French-language cultural content in the digital environment.

“**2.** This Act applies to every digital platform that offers a service for viewing audiovisual content online or listening to music or other audio content online

or that provides access to such a service offered by a third-party platform as well as every digital platform that offers services enabling access to online cultural content determined by government regulation.

It also applies to every manufacturer of television sets or of devices intended to be connected to a television set that include an interface enabling viewing of audiovisual content online or that provide access to online audiovisual content viewing services as well as to every manufacturer of devices that include an interface enabling access to online cultural content determined by government regulation.

“3. This Act does not apply to a digital platform whose main purpose is to offer Indigenous content.

“4. For the purposes of this Act,

“digital platform” means a person or partnership that offers to the public content that is referred to in this Act, whether or not in exchange for a financial consideration;

“discoverability” means the online availability of content and its capability to be found easily among a set of other content, in particular by a person not searching for it;

“Indigenous content” means content in an Indigenous language or in a language understood by Indigenous communities and that is intended for those communities; and

“manufacturer” means a manufacturer within the meaning of the Consumer Protection Act (chapter P-40.1).

“5. The Government may, by regulation, define the terms and expressions used in this Act or clarify the definitions it contains.

“CHAPTER II

“REGISTRATION OF DIGITAL PLATFORMS

“6. Every digital platform that meets the criteria determined by government regulation must register with the Minister.

The Government may, in addition, determine the terms and conditions for the registration.

“7. For the purposes of this chapter, the Minister may require any document or information to determine whether a digital platform must register.

“**8.** The Minister may, if of the opinion that the digital platform must register, proceed with the registration.

“**9.** The Minister must, before proceeding with a registration, notify the digital platform concerned of that intention and give it at least 30 days to submit observations.

The notice must state

(1) the reasons why the Minister is of the opinion that the digital platform must register;

(2) the platform’s right to submit observations and the time limit for doing so;

(3) the right, under section 12, to obtain a review of the decision to proceed with the registration and the time limit for exercising that right; and

(4) the right, provided for in section 13, to contest the review decision before the Administrative Tribunal of Québec and the time limit for bringing such a proceeding.

“**10.** On the expiry of the time limit specified in the notice for submitting observations and after examining the observations, if any, submitted by the digital platform concerned, the Minister notifies the platform of the Minister’s decision.

“**11.** Unless the Minister decides not to proceed with the registration, the digital platform concerned is deemed registered on the date of expiry of the time limit specified in the notice for submitting observations or on any later date determined by the Minister.

“**12.** The digital platform concerned may, within 30 days after notification of the notice, apply in writing to the Minister for a review of the decision to proceed with the registration.

“**13.** A review decision that confirms the registration may, within 30 days after its notification, be contested before the Administrative Tribunal of Québec by the digital platform concerned.

The Tribunal may only confirm or quash the contested decision.

“**14.** The Minister keeps up to date a registration register, and publishes it on the Minister’s department’s website.

The register must contain the following information:

(1) the name and address of the digital platform;

- (2) the date of its registration;
- (3) the nature of the services offered by the digital platform;
- (4) the substitute measures agreed on under section 21, if any; and
- (5) any additional information determined by government regulation.

“CHAPTER III

“OBLIGATIONS APPLICABLE TO INTERFACES OF DIGITAL PLATFORMS, TELEVISION SETS AND CONNECTED DEVICES

“**15.** Digital platforms and manufacturers referred to in section 2 must see to it that the interface of the digital platforms, television sets, devices intended to be connected to a television set or devices enabling access to online cultural content may be easily configured in French, according to the terms and conditions determined by government regulation.

“**16.** Digital platforms that provide access to services offered by a third-party digital platform and manufacturers referred to in section 2 must see to it that the interface provides access, according to the terms and conditions determined by government regulation, to digital platforms meeting the presence and discoverability criteria for original French-language cultural content that the Government determines by regulation.

“**17.** Manufacturers of television sets or of devices intended to be connected to a television set that include an interface enabling viewing of audiovisual content online must see to it that the interface provides access, according to the terms and conditions determined by government regulation, to viewing platforms that the Government determines by regulation. Those platforms must offer content the majority of which is original French-language cultural content and be operated by a legal person established in the public interest or a non-profit legal person.

“**18.** For the purposes of sections 16 and 17, the Government may, in addition, by regulation, determine conditions governing the visibility of the digital platforms that must be accessible in accordance with those sections, as well as conditions governing the discoverability of their content.

“**19.** A manufacturer’s compliance with the obligations set out in sections 16 to 18 or in a regulation made under those sections must not give rise to a financial consideration from digital platforms.

“CHAPTER IV
“REGULATIONS

“**20.** To ensure that the objectives of this Act are achieved, the Government may, by regulation,

(1) establish criteria for determining what constitutes original French-language cultural content;

(2) establish the quantity or proportion of original French-language cultural content or of content available in a French version that must be offered by digital platforms;

(3) establish the quantity or proportion of original French-language cultural content accessible to persons with a disability or of content accessible to persons with a disability and available in a French version that must be offered by digital platforms;

(4) determine the obligations with respect to discoverability of content referred to in subparagraphs 2 and 3, in particular to content recommendation, promotion or display;

(5) determine the metadata standards applicable to original French-language cultural content and to content available in a French version; and

(6) determine exceptions to the obligations set out in this Act or the regulations with regard to digital platforms, manufacturers, television sets, connected devices or to content.

The Government may establish standards that differ according to whether they are applicable to audiovisual content, music or any other type of audio content, or any other online content determined by government regulation. The Government may also determine categories of content, digital platforms or manufacturers for which it may determine different standards.

“CHAPTER V
“SUBSTITUTE MEASURES

“**21.** The Minister may enter into an agreement with a digital platform referred to in section 6 in order to set out substitute measures for the obligations of this Act or the regulations that are applicable to that platform. The substitute measures must enable the achievement of the objectives of this Act in a manner that is at least equivalent.

The agreement specifies the provisions of this Act or the regulations that do not apply to the digital platform as well as the obligations that apply in their stead.

The agreement must, to be valid, be approved by the Government.

“**22.** The agreement has a maximum four-year term.

The agreement comes into force on the date it is signed by the Minister, but it may provide that one or more of its provisions take effect on an earlier date.

“**23.** The Government may, by regulation, determine the criteria that a digital platform must meet in order for substitute measures to be agreed on.

“**24.** The register referred to in section 14 contains, in addition to the information concerning the substitute measures agreed on, the provisions of this Act or of its regulations that do not apply to the digital platform and the obligations that apply in their stead.

“**25.** The Minister may terminate an agreement with a digital platform if it fails to comply with an order of the Minister or has incurred a monetary administrative penalty or committed an offence under this Act or the regulations.

“**26.** Before terminating an agreement, the Minister must notify the digital platform concerned of that intention and give the platform at least 30 days to submit observations.

“**27.** On the expiry of the time limit specified in the notice and after examining the observations, if any, submitted by the digital platform concerned, the Minister notifies the platform of the decision to terminate the agreement or not.

“**28.** If the Minister decides to terminate the agreement, it ends on the date determined by the Minister, which must not be earlier than the date of expiry of the time limit specified in the Minister’s notice referred to in section 26.

“CHAPTER VI

“BUREAU DE LA DÉCOUVRABILITÉ DES CONTENUS CULTURELS

“**29.** An administrative unit is established within the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications under the name “Bureau de la découvrabilité des contenus culturels”.

The Bureau is composed of public servants designated by the Minister.

“**30.** The mission of the Bureau is to see that this Act, its regulations and the agreements made in accordance with this Act are complied with. The Bureau may hold consultations to facilitate the carrying out of its mission.

“**31.** The Bureau gives its opinion on any matter within its jurisdiction submitted to it by the Minister and attaches to the opinion any recommendations the Bureau considers appropriate.

“**32.** In addition to its functions under this Act, the Bureau exercises the functions conferred on it by the Minister.

“CHAPTER VII

“REPORT

“**33.** The Minister monitors the evolution of the presence, discoverability and consumption of original French-language cultural content in Québec’s digital environment. The Minister reports on it to the Government at least once every three years.

The Minister publishes the report on the Minister’s department’s website within 30 days after presenting it to the Government.

Every digital platform or manufacturer must provide to the Minister, in the form and within the time determined by the latter, the non-personal information relating to the presence, discoverability and consumption of content that the Minister requests and that is necessary for the purposes of the first paragraph. The Minister may communicate that information to the Institut de la statistique du Québec for the production of statistical information for the same purposes.

Despite section 9 of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1), no one has a right of access to any document containing such information.

“CHAPTER VIII

“INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS

“**34.** The Minister may, for the purposes of this Act, conduct inspections and investigations.

“**35.** The Minister may designate, generally or specially, any person to conduct an inspection or investigation.

The public servants of the Bureau have, by virtue of office, the rights and powers to conduct inspections and investigations.

“**36.** In an investigation other than an investigation regarding an offence under this Act, the persons referred to in section 35 are vested with the powers and immunity of commissioners appointed under the Act respecting public inquiry commissions (chapter C-37), except the power to order imprisonment.

“37. A person who conducts an inspection may, by notification of a notice, require any information relating to the carrying out of this Act, its regulations and the agreements entered into in accordance with it, as well as the communication, for examination or reproduction, of any related document.

Any person who has custody, possession or control of documents referred to in this section must communicate them to and facilitate their examination by the person conducting an inspection.

“38. A person conducting an inspection or investigation must, at the request of any interested person, identify themselves and produce the certificate attesting their capacity.

“CHAPTER IX

“IMMUNITY

“39. The Minister, the public servants of the Bureau and any person designated to conduct an inspection or investigation cannot be compelled to make a deposition relating to information obtained in the exercise of their functions or to produce a document containing such information.

Despite section 9 of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1), no one has a right of access to any such document.

“40. No judicial proceedings may be brought against the Minister, the public servants of the Bureau or the persons designated to conduct an inspection or investigation for an act or omission in good faith in the exercise of their functions.

“41. Except on a question of jurisdiction, no application for judicial review under the Code of Civil Procedure (chapter C-25.01) may be brought, nor any injunction granted, against the Minister, a public servant of the Bureau or a person designated to conduct an inspection or investigation in the exercise of their functions.

A judge of the Court of Appeal may, on an application, summarily annul any proceedings brought or decision rendered contrary to the provisions of the first paragraph.

“CHAPTER X

“ORDERS

“42. The Minister may, on the conditions set by the Minister, order a digital platform or a manufacturer to take the measures the Minister indicates where the Minister is of the opinion that the platform or manufacturer is failing to

perform its obligations under this Act, a regulation made under it or, in the case of a digital platform, under an agreement referred to in section 21.

The Minister may, for the same reasons, issue an order against a third person that, on behalf of a digital platform or a manufacturer, carries on the platform's or manufacturer's activities or performs its obligations.

“43. At least 15 days before issuing an order against a digital platform, a manufacturer or a third person referred to in section 42, the Minister must, as prescribed by section 5 of the Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3), notify a prior notice to them in writing, stating the reasons that appear to justify the order, the date on which the order is to take effect and the possibility to submit observations. Where a prior notice is notified to a third person, the Minister must also notify it to the digital platform or the manufacturer on whose behalf the third person carries on their activities or performs their obligations.

“44. The Minister's order must state the reasons for which it is issued. The order must be notified to each person to whom it applies.

The order takes effect on the date it is notified or on any later date specified in the order.

“45. The Minister may revoke or amend an order the Minister has issued under this chapter.

“CHAPTER XI

“INJUNCTION AND PARTICIPATION IN PROCEEDINGS

“46. The Minister may apply to a judge of the Superior Court for an injunction regarding the carrying out of this Act.

The application for an injunction constitutes a proceeding in itself.

The procedure prescribed in the Code of Civil Procedure (chapter C-25.01) applies, except that the Minister cannot be required to give security.

“47. The Minister may, on the Minister's own initiative and without notice, intervene in any proceeding concerning a provision of this Act.

“CHAPTER XII**“MONETARY ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES
AND PENAL PROVISIONS****“DIVISION I****“MONETARY ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES****“§1. — *General application framework***

“48. The Minister develops and makes public a general framework for applying monetary administrative penalties in connection with penal proceedings, specifying the following elements in particular:

(1) the purposes of the penalties, such as urging the person to rapidly take the measures required to remedy the failure to comply and deter its repetition;

(2) the categories of functions held by the persons designated to impose penalties;

(3) the criteria that must guide the designated persons when a failure to comply has been ascertained, including the nature of the failure, whether it has been repeated, the benefits derived from it, the seriousness of the harm or potential harm resulting from it and the measures taken by the person to remedy the failure;

(4) the circumstances in which priority will be given to penal proceedings; and

(5) the other terms regarding such penalties, such as the fact that they must be preceded by notification of a notice of non-compliance.

“§2. — *Failures to comply*

“49. A monetary administrative penalty of \$2,500 in the case of a natural person and \$15,000 in any other case may be imposed on anyone that fails to comply with an order made by the Minister under this Act.

“50. A regulation made under this Act may specify that a failure to comply with any of the regulation’s provisions may give rise to a monetary administrative penalty.

The regulation may define conditions for applying the penalty and determine the amounts or the method for determining them. The amounts may vary according to, among other things, the seriousness of the failure to comply, without exceeding the maximum amounts set out in section 49.

“51. If a failure to comply for which a monetary administrative penalty may be imposed continues for more than one day, it constitutes a new failure for each day it continues.

“§3. — *Notice of non-compliance and imposition*

“**52.** In the event of a failure to comply referred to in subdivision 2, a notice of non-compliance may be notified to the party responsible for the failure urging the party to take without delay the measures necessary to remedy it.

The notice must mention that the failure could, among other things, give rise to a monetary administrative penalty.

For the purposes of this division, the party responsible for a failure to comply is the person on which a monetary administrative penalty is imposed or could be imposed, as applicable, for a failure to comply under subdivision 2.

“**53.** The imposition of a monetary administrative penalty for a failure to comply with a provision of this Act is prescribed by two years from the date on which the failure to comply was ascertained.

In the absence of evidence to the contrary, the date of the inspection or investigation report ascertaining the failure to comply constitutes conclusive proof of the date on which the failure to comply was ascertained.

“**54.** No monetary administrative penalty for a failure to comply with a provision of this Act may be imposed on the party responsible for a failure to comply if a statement of offence has already been served on the party for a contravention of the same provision on the same day, based on the same facts.

“**55.** A monetary administrative penalty is imposed by a person designated by the Minister in that regard by the notification of a notice of claim to the party responsible for the failure.

The notice must state

- (1) the amount of the claim;
- (2) the reasons for it;
- (3) the time from which it bears interest;
- (4) the right, under section 57, to obtain a review of the decision to impose the penalty and the time limit for exercising that right; and
- (5) the right to contest the review decision before the Administrative Tribunal of Québec and the time limit for bringing such a proceeding.

The notice of claim must also include information on the procedure for recovery of the amount claimed. The party responsible for the failure to comply must also be informed that the facts on which the claim is founded may result in penal proceedings.

Unless otherwise provided, the amount owing bears interest at the rate determined under the first paragraph of section 28 of the Tax Administration Act (chapter A-6.002), from the 31st day after notification of the notice.

“56. No accumulation of monetary administrative penalties may be imposed on the same person for failure to comply with the same provision if the failure occurs on the same day and is based on the same facts. In a case where more than one penalty would be applicable, the person imposing the penalty determines which penalty is most appropriate in light of the circumstances and the purposes of the penalties.

“§4. — *Review*

“57. The party responsible for a failure to comply may, within 30 days after notification of the notice of claim, apply in writing to the Minister for a review of the decision to impose a monetary administrative penalty.

The persons responsible for the review are designated by the Minister; they must not belong to the same administrative authority as the persons responsible for imposing such penalties.

“58. The application for review must be dealt with promptly. After giving the applicant an opportunity to submit observations and produce any documents to complete the record, the person responsible for the review renders a decision on the basis of the record, unless the person considers it necessary to proceed in some other manner.

“59. The review decision must be written in clear and concise terms, with reasons given, must be notified to the applicant and must state the applicant’s right to contest the decision before the Administrative Tribunal of Québec and the time limit for bringing such a proceeding.

If the review decision is not rendered within 30 days after receipt of the application or, if applicable, after the expiry of the time granted to the applicant to submit observations or produce documents, the interest provided for in the fourth paragraph of section 55 on the amount owing ceases to accrue until the decision is rendered.

“60. A review decision that confirms the imposition of a monetary administrative penalty may, within 30 days after its notification, be contested before the Administrative Tribunal of Québec by the party responsible for the failure to comply to which the decision pertains.

The Tribunal may only confirm or quash the contested decision.

When rendering its decision, the Tribunal may make a ruling with respect to interest accrued on the penalty while the matter was pending before it.

“§5. — *Recovery*

“**61.** If the party responsible for a failure to comply has defaulted on payment of a monetary administrative penalty, its directors and officers are solidarily liable with that party for the payment of the penalty, unless they establish that they exercised due care and diligence to prevent the failure.

“**62.** The payment of a monetary administrative penalty is secured by a legal hypothec on the debtor’s movable and immovable property.

For the purposes of this division, the debtor is the party responsible for a failure to comply that is required to pay a monetary administrative penalty and, if applicable, each of its directors and officers who are solidarily liable with that party for the payment of the penalty.

“**63.** The debtor and the Minister may enter into a payment agreement with regard to a monetary administrative penalty owing. Such an agreement, or the payment of the amount owing, does not constitute, for the purposes of any other administrative penalty under this Act, an acknowledgement of the facts giving rise to it.

“**64.** If the monetary administrative penalty owing is not paid in its entirety or the payment agreement is not adhered to, the Minister may issue a recovery certificate on the expiry of the time for applying for a review of the decision to impose the penalty, on the expiry of the time for contesting the review decision before the Administrative Tribunal of Québec or on the expiry of 30 days after the final decision of the Tribunal confirming all or part of the decision to impose the penalty or the review decision, as applicable.

However, a recovery certificate may be issued before the expiry of the time referred to in the first paragraph if the Minister is of the opinion that the debtor is attempting to evade payment.

A recovery certificate must state the debtor’s name and address and the amount of the debt.

“**65.** Where the Minister of Revenue allocates, once a recovery certificate has been issued and in accordance with section 31 of the Tax Administration Act (chapter A-6.002), any refund owed to a person following the application of a fiscal law to the payment of the amount shown on the certificate, that allocation interrupts the prescription provided for in the Civil Code with regard to the recovery of the amount.

“**66.** On the filing of the recovery certificate at the office of the competent court, together with a copy of the final decision establishing the debt, the decision becomes enforceable as if it were a final judgment of that court not subject to appeal, and has all the effects of such a judgment.

“**67.** The debtor is required to pay a recovery charge in the cases, under the conditions and in the amount determined by government regulation.

“§6. — *Register*

“**68.** The Minister keeps a register relating to monetary administrative penalties.

The register must contain at least the following information:

- (1) the date the penalty was imposed;
- (2) the date and nature of the failure, and the legislative or regulatory provisions under which the penalty was imposed;
- (3) if the penalty was imposed on a legal person, its name and the address of its head office or that of one of its establishments;
- (4) if the penalty was imposed on a partnership, an association without legal personality or a natural person, the partnership’s, association’s or person’s name and address;
- (5) the amount of the penalty imposed;
- (6) the date of receipt of an application for review and the date and conclusions of the decision;
- (7) the date a proceeding is brought before the Administrative Tribunal of Québec and the date and conclusions of the decision rendered by the Tribunal, as soon as the Minister is made aware of the information;
- (8) the date a proceeding is brought against the decision rendered by the Administrative Tribunal of Québec, the nature of the proceeding and the date and conclusions of the decision rendered by the court concerned, as soon as the Minister is made aware of the information; and
- (9) any other information the Minister considers of public interest.

The information contained in the register is public information as of the time the decision imposing the penalty becomes final.

“DIVISION II**“PENAL PROVISIONS**

“69. The following are liable to a fine of \$2,500 to \$25,000 in the case of a natural person and \$15,000 to \$150,000 in any other case:

(1) anyone who provides a document or information that they know to be false or inaccurate, or access to such a document or information, to the Minister, the public servants of the Bureau or a person designated to conduct an inspection or investigation; and

(2) anyone who hinders or attempts to hinder, in any manner, the exercise, by the Minister, a public servant of the Bureau or a person designated to conduct an inspection or investigation, of a function for the purposes of this Act.

“70. Anyone who contravenes an order of the Minister is liable to a fine of \$5,000 to \$50,000 in the case of a natural person and \$30,000 to \$300,000 in any other case.

“71. The Government may determine the provisions of a regulation it makes under this Act whose contravention constitutes an offence and renders the offender liable to a fine the minimum and maximum amounts of which are set by the Government.

The maximum amounts set under the first paragraph may vary according to, among other things, the seriousness of the offence, without exceeding those prescribed by section 70.

“72. The fines prescribed by sections 69 and 70 or by the regulations are doubled for a second offence and tripled for a third or subsequent offence.

In addition, if an offender commits an offence under this Act after having previously been found guilty of any such offence and if, without regard to the amounts prescribed for a subsequent offence, the minimum fine to which the offender was liable for the first offence was equal to or greater than the minimum fine prescribed for the second offence, the minimum and maximum fines prescribed for the second offence become, if the prosecutor so requests, those prescribed in the case of a third or subsequent offence.

This section applies where the prior finding of guilty pronounced in the two-year period preceding the subsequent offence or, if the minimum fine to which the offender was liable for the prior offence was that prescribed in section 70, in the five-year period preceding the subsequent offence. Fines for a third or subsequent offence apply if the penalty imposed for the prior offence was the penalty for a second or subsequent offence.

“**73.** If an offence under this Act is committed by a director or officer of a legal person or of another group, regardless of its juridical form, the minimum and maximum fines are double those applicable to a natural person for that offence.

“**74.** If an offence under this Act continues for more than one day, it constitutes a separate offence for each day it continues.

“**75.** Anyone who, by an act or an omission, helps or, by encouragement, advice, consent, authorization or order, induces another person to commit an offence under this Act is liable to the same penalty as that prescribed for the offence they helped or induced the person to commit.

“**76.** In any penal proceedings relating to an offence under this Act, proof that the offence was committed by an agent, mandatary or employee of any party is sufficient to establish that it was committed by that party, unless the party establishes that it exercised due diligence, taking all necessary precautions to prevent the commission of the offence.

“**77.** If a legal person or an agent, mandatary or employee of a legal person, of a partnership or of an association without legal personality commits an offence under this Act, the directors of the legal person, partnership or association are presumed to have committed the offence unless it is established that they exercised due diligence, taking all necessary precautions to prevent the commission of the offence.

For the purposes of this section, in the case of a partnership, all partners, except special partners, are presumed to be directors of the partnership unless there is evidence to the contrary appointing one or more of them, or a third person, to manage the affairs of the partnership.

“**78.** In determining the penalty, the judge takes into account, in particular, the following aggravating factors:

(1) the foreseeable character of the offence or the failure to follow recommendations or warnings aimed at preventing it;

(2) the offender’s attempts to cover up the offence or failure to try to mitigate its consequences;

(3) the increase in revenues or decrease in expenses that the offender intended to obtain by committing the offence or by omitting to take measures to prevent it; and

(4) the offender’s failure to take reasonable measures to prevent the commission of the offence or mitigate its consequences despite the offender’s ability to do so.

A judge who, despite the presence of an aggravating factor, decides to impose the minimum fine must give reasons for the decision.

“**79.** When determining a fine higher than the minimum fine prescribed by this Act, or when determining the time within which an amount must be paid, the judge may take into account the offender’s inability to pay, provided the offender proves the inability by establishing the offender’s assets and liabilities.

“**80.** The prescription period for penal proceedings for offences under this Act is the longer of

(1) five years from the date on which the offence was committed; and

(2) two years from the date on which the inspection or penal investigation that led to the discovery of the offence began where false declarations are made to the Minister, an inspector or an investigator.

In the cases referred to in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph, the certificate of the Minister, the inspector or the investigator constitutes, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, conclusive proof of the date on which the inspection or investigation began.

“CHAPTER XIII

“AMENDING PROVISIONS

“ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DE LA CULTURE ET DES COMMUNICATIONS

“**81.** The heading of Chapter III.2 of the Act respecting the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications (chapter M-17.1) is replaced by the following heading:

“QUÉBEC CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND”.

“**82.** Section 22.13 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “Avenir Mécénat Culture Fund” in the first paragraph by “Québec Cultural Development Fund”;

(2) by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“The Fund is dedicated to providing financial support for

(1) projects to produce online original French-language cultural content, and measures to support the discoverability of such content;

(2) measures taken by the Minister to encourage organizations working in the cultural and communications sectors to, among other things, develop ways

of diversifying their funding sources and to capitalize a portion of their revenues derived from their fund-raising activities, so as to ensure financial security for such organizations.”

83. Section 22.14 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraphs before paragraph 1:

“(0.1) the sums collected by the Minister as monetary administrative penalties under the Act respecting the discoverability of French-language cultural content in the digital environment (2025, chapter 38, section 2);

“(0.2) the sums received under substitute measures entered into in accordance with the Act respecting the discoverability of French-language cultural content in the digital environment;”.

84. Section 22.16 of the Act is amended

(1) by adding the following paragraph before paragraph 1:

“(0.1) the sums referred to in paragraphs 0.1 and 0.2 of section 22.14 and paid for the purposes set out in subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph of section 22.13 by the Minister;”;

(2) by replacing “paid for the purposes of” in paragraph 1 by “referred to in paragraphs 1 to 5 of section 22.14 and paid for the purposes set out in subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph of”.

“ACT RESPECTING ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE

85. Section 37 of the Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Proceedings referred to in paragraph 7.3 of Schedule IV shall be heard and determined by a single member who shall be an advocate or notary.”

86. Schedule IV to the Act is amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 7.2:

“(7.3) sections 13 and 60 of the Act respecting the discoverability of French-language cultural content in the digital environment (2025, chapter 38, section 2);”.

“CHAPTER XIV**“MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

“37. The provisions of this Act prevail over any contrary provisions of any subsequent Act, unless such an Act expressly states that it applies despite this Act.

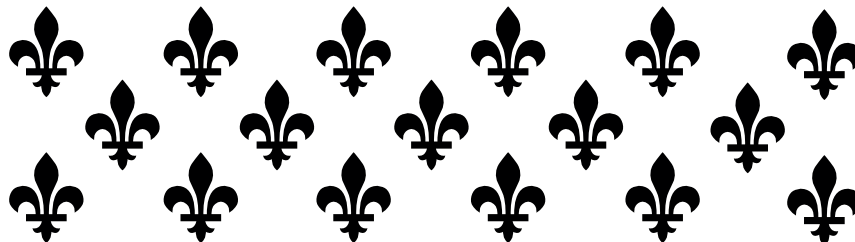
“38. The Minister of Culture and Communications is responsible for the administration of this Act.”

CHAPTER III**FINAL PROVISION**

3. This Act comes into force on the date or dates to be determined by the Government.

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Bill 202

(Private)

**An Act respecting the merger of
Beneva Mutual and Gore Mutual
Insurance Company**

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(Private)

AN ACT RESPECTING THE MERGER OF BENEVA MUTUAL AND GORE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

AS Beneva Mutual is a mutual legal person within the meaning of section 197 of the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1), governed by the Act respecting Beneva Mutual (2023, chapter 37), whose principal object provided for by the latter Act is to indirectly hold equity in the capital stock of Beneva Inc., a mutual-interest regulated business corporation;

AS Gore Mutual Insurance Company is a mutual corporation incorporated by the Act to incorporate Gore District Mutual Fire Insurance Company (S.C. 1937, 1 George VI, chapter 48), amended by the Act respecting Gore District Mutual Fire Insurance Company (S.C. 1944, 8 George VI, chapter 56) and the Act respecting Gore District Mutual Fire Insurance Company (S.C. 1959, 7-8 Elizabeth II, chapter 61), as well as by the Letters Patent dated 31 October 1972, issued pursuant to the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act (R.S.C. 1970, chapter I-15), and governed by the Insurance Companies Act (S.C. 1991, chapter 47);

AS the Act to authorize Gore Mutual Insurance Company to apply to be continued as a body corporate under the laws of the Province of Québec (S.C. 2025, chapter 7) allows Gore Mutual Insurance Company to continue under the laws of Québec;

AS Unica Insurance Inc. is an insurance company governed by the Insurers Act and one of the patrimonial insurers within the meaning of section 1 of the Act respecting Beneva Mutual;

AS Beneva Mutual and Gore Mutual Insurance Company wish to merge so that their members become those of the same mutual legal person within the meaning of section 197 of the Insurers Act and that the insurer activities of Gore Mutual Insurance Company become those of a business corporation subject to the provisions of Title III of the Insurers Act;

AS the merger involves, in particular,

(1) the continuance of Gore Mutual Insurance Company as a mutual company subject to the provisions of Title III of the Insurers Act;

(2) the conversion of that mutual company into a business corporation subject to the provisions of Title III of the Insurers Act;

(3) the constitution of a mutual legal person whose object is to hold the shares of that regulated business corporation in accordance with section 197 of the Insurers Act;

(4) the amalgamation by absorption of that mutual legal person by Beneva Mutual;

AS the aforementioned continuance, conversion, constitution and amalgamation by absorption cannot be effected under the laws governing Beneva Mutual and Gore Mutual Insurance Company;

AS Unica Insurance Inc. wishes to be subject to a simplified amalgamation regime with the regulated business corporation resulting from the conversion;

AS the directors of Gore Mutual Insurance Company adopted, on 18 September 2025, the organizational agreement and the amendments to the by-laws of Beneva Mutual providing for the rules of governance following the amalgamation by absorption of the mutual legal person constituted as part of the conversion;

AS the directors of Beneva Mutual adopted, on 6 October 2025, the organizational agreement and the amendments to the by-laws of Beneva Mutual providing for the rules of governance following the amalgamation by absorption of the mutual legal person constituted as part of the conversion;

AS the members of Beneva Mutual approved, on 22 October 2025, by the favorable vote of at least two-thirds of the members qualified to vote, at a special meeting called for that purpose, the organizational agreement and the introduction of this Act;

AS the members of Gore Mutual Insurance Company approved, on 30 October 2025, by the favorable vote of at least two-thirds of the members qualified to vote, at a special general meeting called for that purpose, the organizational agreement and the introduction of this Act;

AS Beneva Mutual and Gore Mutual Insurance Company entered into the organizational agreement on 6 November 2025;

AS the Autorité des marchés financiers reviewed, in advance, the authorization granted to Gore Mutual Insurance Company in connection with its continuance and conversion as provided for by this Act and has maintained its authorization to carry on insurer activities;

AS a private Act is required for the purpose, in particular, of allowing the merger;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I

DEFINITION

1. In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise, “organizational agreement” means the agreement between Gore Mutual Insurance Company and Beneva Mutual entered into on 6 November 2025, including any amendments that they may make to the agreement in accordance with the terms of the agreement not later than 30 December 2025 in the case of the continuance and conversion and not later than 31 December 2025 in the case of the amalgamation provided for in Chapter IV of this Act.

CHAPTER II

CONTINUANCE OF GORE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

2. Gore Mutual Insurance Company continues, from 31 December 2025 and without further formality, as a mutual company, without share capital, regulated by the provisions of Title III of the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1) under the name “La Compagnie mutuelle d’assurance Gore” and its English version “Gore Mutual Insurance Company”.

The continuance provided for in the first paragraph does not affect the rights, obligations and acts of Gore Mutual Insurance Company or those of its members. Gore Mutual Insurance Company remains a party to any judicial or administrative proceeding to which it was a party before the continuance.

The continuance does not result in any transfer of assets for Gore Mutual Insurance Company or any transfer of ownership rights for its members.

3. Gore Mutual Insurance Company has its head office in the judicial district of Québec.

4. Any natural person who, on 30 December 2025, is the holder of an insurance contract issued by Gore Mutual Insurance Company is a member of the latter on 31 December 2025. However, a subrogated holder is not a member of Gore Mutual Insurance Company.

5. Despite section 266 of the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1), the directors of Gore Mutual Insurance Company in office on 30 December 2025 remain in office from the continuance.

6. The by-laws of Gore Mutual Insurance Company in effect on 30 December 2025 remain in effect from the continuance. However, any provision of those by-laws, other than the provisions of section 5 of those by-laws, contrary to the provisions of this Act, the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1)

or the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1) ceases to have effect. The absence of shares evidencing the rights of members provided for in section 5 of the by-laws does not affect these rights.

7. Despite section 352 of the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1), the members of Gore Mutual Insurance Company alone have the right to receive a share of its remaining property in the event of liquidation.

CHAPTER III

CONVERSION OF GORE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

DIVISION I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

8. Immediately following the continuance provided for in section 2,

(1) Gore Mutual Insurance Company is converted, without further formality, into a mutual-interest regulated business corporation within the meaning of section 197 of the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1) under the name “La Compagnie d’assurance Gore” and its English version “Gore Insurance Company”, the conversion being considered to be a constitution for the purposes of the first paragraph of section 196 of that Act; and

(2) a mutual legal person is constituted on 31 December 2025 under the name “Mutuelle de gestion Gore”, the main purpose of which is to hold equity in the capital stock of Gore Insurance Company.

Gore Insurance Company continues Gore Mutual Insurance Company from the conversion. However, any member of Gore Mutual Insurance Company under section 4 becomes, as of the conversion, a member of Mutuelle de gestion Gore and their rights are then exercised exclusively in Mutuelle de gestion Gore as long as the insurance contract of which the member is the holder and which confers on the person the status of member remains in force.

The conversion is without prejudice to the other rights, obligations and acts of Gore Mutual Insurance Company, which is continued by Gore Insurance Company, the latter remaining a party to any judicial or administrative proceeding to which Gore Mutual Insurance Company was a party before the conversion.

The conversion does not result in any transfer of assets from Gore Mutual Insurance Company to Gore Insurance Company or any transfer of ownership rights for the members of Mutuelle de gestion Gore.

DIVISION II**PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO GORE INSURANCE COMPANY**

9. The capital stock of Gore Insurance Company is that provided for in Schedule I.

As part of the conversion and as soon as possible after it, but before 1 January 2026, common shares of the capital stock of Gore Insurance Company must be issued to Mutuelle de gestion Gore as fully paid. The shares must confer on Mutuelle de gestion Gore with respect to Gore Insurance Company all the rights set out in the first paragraph of section 47 of the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1).

If the common shares issued are without par value, an amount equal to part or all of the equity of the holders of Gore Mutual Insurance Company insurance contracts immediately before the conversion may be allocated to the subdivision of the issued and paid-up capital account associated with those shares.

Subdivision 3 of Division I of Chapter VIII of Title III of the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1) does not apply to the issuance of shares provided for in this section.

Despite the second paragraph of section 8, the members of Mutuelle de gestion Gore may vote at any general meeting of Gore Insurance Company in accordance with the representation structure provided for by the by-laws of the latter until the common shares are issued as provided for in the second paragraph of this section.

10. The number of directors of Gore Insurance Company, the restrictions relating to transfers of its securities and the classes of activities the Company is authorized to carry on are those set out in Schedule II.

11. For the purposes of Divisions I and II of Chapter XII of Title III of the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1) and the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1), the provisions of Chapter III, other than those applicable exclusively to Mutuelle de gestion Gore, and those of Schedules I and II to this Act are deemed to be the certificate and articles of constitution of Gore Insurance Company.

12. Gore Insurance Company may apply to the Autorité des marchés financiers (the Authority) for authorization to file articles of amendment for the purpose of amending, correcting or striking out any provision of Schedules I or II or adding any provision that may be contained in the articles of constitution of a regulated business corporation in accordance with sections 5 to 7 of the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1) and also with section 198 and the applicable provisions of Division I of Chapter XII of Title III of the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1).

13. Gore Insurance Company has its head office in the judicial district of Québec.

It may, by resolution of its board of directors, move its head office within the limits of that judicial district.

14. The initial directors of Gore Insurance Company are those listed in the organizational agreement.

15. The by-laws of Gore Mutual Insurance Company in force on 31 December 2025 become, as of that date and until the issuance of the common shares provided for in the second paragraph of section 9, the by-laws of Gore Insurance Company. However, any provision of those by-laws that is contrary to the provisions of this Act, the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1) or the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1) ceases to have effect.

As of the issuance of common shares provided for in the second paragraph of section 9, the by-laws of Gore Insurance Company provided for by the organizational agreement come into force.

16. Despite sections 19 and 21 of the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1) and subparagraphs 4 and 9 of the first paragraph of section 17 and section 72 of the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises (chapter P-44.1), Gore Insurance Company is authorized to use the name “La Compagnie mutuelle d’assurance Gore” and its English version “Gore Mutual Insurance Company” in its documents, including its bills of exchange, contracts, invoices and orders for goods or services during the 12 months following the conversion.

DIVISION III

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MUTUELLE DE GESTION GORE

17. Mutuelle de gestion Gore has its head office in the judicial district of Québec.

18. The number of directors of Mutuelle de gestion Gore is 10.

The directors of Gore Mutual Insurance Company in office on 30 December 2025 become, as of 31 December 2025, the directors of Mutuelle de gestion Gore.

19. Before 1 January 2026, Mutuelle de gestion Gore is subject to the provisions of the by-laws applicable to Gore Insurance Company referred to in the first paragraph of section 15. However, a provision of those by-laws does not apply to Mutuelle de gestion Gore and its members if that provision

(1) is contrary to the provisions of this Act, the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1) or the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1); or

(2) grants a member of Mutuelle de gestion Gore a right that is not specifically granted to a member of Beneva Mutual under the Act respecting Beneva Mutual (2023, chapter 37).

20. Before 1 January 2026, the provisions of sections 10 to 13, 15 to 17 and 23 to 34 of the Act respecting Beneva Mutual (2023, chapter 37) apply to the organization, operation and, if applicable, the dissolution and liquidation of Mutuelle de gestion Gore, with the following modifications:

(1) a reference to Beneva mutual legal person is a reference to Mutuelle de gestion Gore, and a reference to the patrimonial insurers or to one of the patrimonial insurers is a reference to Gore Insurance Company; and

(2) a reference to one or more relevant shareholders or to any legal person through which Beneva Mutual holds equity in the patrimonial insurers is deemed not written.

CHAPTER IV

AMALGAMATION BY ABSORPTION OF MUTUELLE DE GESTION GORE BY BENEVA MUTUAL

21. Beneva Mutual amalgamates with Mutuelle de gestion Gore on 1 January 2026, by absorption of the latter, without further formality.

As of that date, Mutuelle de gestion Gore is continued as Beneva Mutual, and their patrimonies then form a single patrimony, that of Beneva Mutual. The rights, privileges and obligations of Mutuelle de gestion Gore become those of Beneva Mutual, and Beneva Mutual becomes, without continuance of suit, a party to any legal or administrative proceedings to which Mutuelle de gestion Gore was a party. The directors remain those of Beneva Mutual, subject to two additional directors being appointed by Gore Mutual Insurance Company, in accordance with the organizational agreement, who become members of the board of directors of Beneva Mutual as of the amalgamation, in accordance with the terms of that agreement. Beneva Mutual remains constituted and governed by the Act respecting Beneva Mutual (2023, chapter 37), and its rights, properties, privileges and obligations are not affected by the amalgamation.

The rights of the members of Mutuelle de gestion Gore are continued in an uninterrupted manner and are henceforth exercised within Beneva Mutual.

The amalgamation by absorption does not result in any transfer of assets from Mutuelle de gestion Gore to Beneva Mutual, nor in any transfer of ownership rights for the members of Mutuelle de gestion Gore. Similarly, the amalgamation is not considered to cause a transfer of shares in Gore Insurance Company.

Until the amalgamation, Mutuelle de gestion Gore may not transfer any shares in Gore Insurance Company.

22. The by-laws of Beneva Mutual in effect before the amalgamation remain those of the latter, subject to any amendments that the amalgamating mutual legal persons must make to them in accordance with the terms of the organizational agreement.

CHAPTER V

ACQUISITION OF A SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

23. Despite section 25 of the Act respecting Beneva Mutual (2023, chapter 37), until 31 December 2026, sections 146 to 148 and 248 to 254 of the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1) do not apply to Beneva Mutual, to Fonds de solidarité des travailleurs et des travailleuses du Québec (FTQ), to Société de gestion Beneva inc., to Société financière Beneva inc. or to Beneva Group Inc. in the event of the acquisition of a significant interest in the decisions of Gore Insurance Company.

24. Until 31 December 2026, any authorized insurer belonging to the financial group to which Beneva Mutual belongs may acquire a significant interest in the decisions of Gore Insurance Company, subject to the following modifications:

(1) the Authority sends to the Minister of Finance the decision it intends to make following the review provided for under section 146 of the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1) at least 30 days before the proposed date of the acquisition of a significant interest;

(2) sections 250 and 251 of the Insurers Act do not apply.

Despite the first paragraph, the Minister may, within 15 days of receiving the decision referred to in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph and after notifying in writing to the authorized insurer subject to the review the notice prescribed by section 5 of the Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3) and granting that authorized insurer at least 10 days to submit observations, request that the Authority submit to the Minister the report referred to in section 250 of the Insurers Act so that the Minister may, if the Minister considers it advisable, approve the acquisition of a significant interest. In such case, section 251 of the Insurers Act applies. The Authority may not send its decision to the authorized insurer subject to the review less than 15 days after sending it to the Minister.

CHAPTER VI

AMALGAMATION OF GORE INSURANCE COMPANY AND UNICA INSURANCE INC.

25. Not later than 1 January 2027, Gore Insurance Company and Unica Insurance Inc. may amalgamate in accordance with the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1), subject to the following modifications:

(1) the notice provided for in the first paragraph of section 148 of that Act must be received by the Authority at least 120 days before the proposed date of amalgamation, which may not be later than 1 January 2027, and publication of that notice in accordance with section 155 of that Act must be made not later than the 90th day preceding the proposed date of amalgamation;

(2) the Authority sends the decision it intends to make following the review to the Minister of Finance at least 75 days before the proposed date of amalgamation;

(3) sections 331 to 336 of that Act do not apply;

(4) the applicants may, following receipt of the Authority's decision confirming the continuation of their authorization to carry on insurer activities, forward to the enterprise registrar the articles of amalgamation that were attached to their application for review, together with the Authority's decision.

Despite subparagraphs 3 and 4 of the first paragraph, the Minister may, within 15 days following receipt of the decision referred to in subparagraph 2 and after notifying in writing to the applicants the prior notice prescribed by section 5 of the Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3) and granting them at least 10 days to submit observations, request that the Authority provide the Minister with the documents referred to in section 332 of the Insurers Act so that the Minister may, if the Minister considers it advisable, allow the amalgamation. In such case, sections 333 to 336 of the Insurers Act apply. The Authority may not send its decision to the applicants less than 15 days after sending it to the Minister.

In the case of a short-form amalgamation, the name of the insurance corporation resulting from the amalgamation does not have to be the name of one of the amalgamating corporations. The name considered for the insurance corporation resulting from the amalgamation must be mentioned in the resolution passed by the boards of directors of the amalgamating corporations and in the notice sent to the Authority in accordance with the first paragraph.

26. The amalgamation provided for in this chapter does not affect the rights and privileges conferred by the Act respecting Beneva Mutual (2023, chapter 37) on Beneva Mutual and the holders of Unica Insurance Inc. insurance contracts who are members of Beneva Mutual.

Any provision of the articles of amalgamation contrary to the first paragraph is deemed unwritten.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, in any document, a reference to Unica Insurance Inc. or to Gore Insurance Company is, as of the amalgamation of the insurers, a reference to the corporation resulting from the amalgamation of the insurers.

27. Despite sections 19 and 21 of the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1) and subparagraphs 4 and 9 of the first paragraph of section 17 and section 72 of the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises (chapter P-44.1), the regulated business corporation resulting from the amalgamation is authorized to use the names “Unica assurances inc.” and “La Compagnie mutuelle d’assurance Gore” as well as their English versions “Unica Insurance Inc.” and “Gore Mutual Insurance Company” in its documents, including its bills of exchange, contracts, invoices and orders for goods or services, for a period of 12 months following the amalgamation of the insurers.

CHAPTER VII

AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT RESPECTING BENEVA MUTUAL

28. Section 1 of the Act respecting Beneva Mutual (2023, chapter 37) is amended by replacing the definition of “patrimonial insurers” by the following definitions:

“mutual-interest insurer” means any of the mutual-interest insurers;

“mutual-interest insurers” means the Beneva insurance business corporation, Gore Insurance Company and any other business corporation regulated by the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1) in whose capital stock Beneva mutual legal person is legally required to hold equity following an amalgamation or other form of merger permitted by law or by the Insurers Act;

“patrimonial insurers” means the mutual-interest insurers, Beneva Insurance Company, L’Unique General Insurance Inc. and Unica Insurance Inc.;

29. Section 7 of the Act is amended by replacing “the Beneva insurance business corporation” in the first paragraph by “each mutual-interest insurer”.

30. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 7:

7.1. Despite section 7, Beneva mutual legal person may, for a period of 30 days, hold, directly or indirectly, equity in an insurance corporation other than through the holding company if such equity is for the purpose of effecting a reorganization, or a merger or amalgamation with another mutual legal person that is authorized to act as an insurer or that holds equity in a mutual-interest regulated business corporation.”

31. Section 20 of the Act is amended by replacing “the Beneva insurance business corporation” by “a mutual-interest insurer”.

32. Section 24 of the Act is amended by replacing “20” in subparagraph 11 of the first paragraph by “20, 21, 23”.

33. Section 26 of the Act is amended by replacing subparagraphs 1 to 3 of the first paragraph by the following paragraphs:

“(1) if it ceases to hold equity in at least one mutual-interest insurer;

“(2) if the last mutual-interest insurer in which it holds equity goes into voluntary dissolution or is the subject of a decision declaring its forced liquidation;

“(3) if the last mutual-interest insurer in which it holds equity sells all or substantially all of its property outside the normal course of business;”.

34. The heading of Chapter IV of the Act is amended by replacing “BENEVA MUTUAL LEGAL PERSON’S EQUITY PERCENTAGE” by “EQUITY PERCENTAGE IN MUTUAL-INTEREST INSURERS”.

35. Section 41 of the Act is amended, in the first paragraph,

(1) by replacing “the Beneva insurance business corporation” and “in the Beneva insurance business corporation” in the introductory clause by “a mutual-interest insurer” and “in that insurer”, respectively;

(2) by replacing “Beneva insurance business corporation, through the intermediary of the holding company,” in subparagraphs 1 and 2 by “mutual-interest insurer”.

CHAPTER VIII

MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

36. Within 90 days after the date of assent to this Act, Beneva Mutual sends a copy of this Act to the enterprise registrar, who deposits it in the register established under the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises (chapter P-44.1).

37. The provisions of this Act come into force on 12 December 2025, except those of Chapter VII, which come into force on 1 January 2026.

SCHEDULE I

(Sections 9, 11 and 12)

CAPITAL STOCK OF GORE INSURANCE COMPANY

The Corporation's authorized capital stock consists of four classes of shares. The rights and restrictions associated with the class A, B, C and D shares are as follows:

A. CLASS A SHARES (COMMON SHARES)**A.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Class A shares. Class A shares have no par value.

A.2 VOTING RIGHTS

Class A shares carry the right to vote at any shareholders meeting. They also confer the right to receive notice of such meetings. Each shareholder has one (1) vote per share at such meetings.

A.3 DIVIDEND AND REMAINING PROPERTY

Subject to the rights and restrictions attached to the other classes of shares, Class A shares carry the right to

(a) receive any declared dividend; and

(b) receive a share of the remaining property in the event of liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation.

A.4 RESTRICTION

The Corporation may not pay any dividend on Class A shares or issue payment to purchase them if such payment prevents the Corporation from paying the sums necessary to purchase or redeem all outstanding Class C and D shares.

B. CLASS B SHARES (CONTROLLING SHARES)**B.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Class B shares. Class B shares have no par value. Class B shares may be issued only if they are fully paid.

B.2 VOTING RIGHTS

Class B shares carry the right to vote at any shareholders meeting. They also confer the right to receive notice of such meetings. Each shareholder has ten (10) votes per share at such meetings.

B.3 DIVIDEND

Class B shares do not carry the right to receive a dividend.

B.4 LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION

Class B shares carry the right to receive a share of the remaining property, in the event of liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation, at an amount equal to the redemption price of the Class B shares at the time specified in paragraph B.6. Class B shares have priority for the payment of the amount, in the event of liquidation or dissolution, over any amount payable to Class C, D and A shares.

B.5 ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION

Class B shares do not otherwise participate in the distribution of the remaining property in the event of the liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation.

B.6 AUTOMATIC REDEMPTION

The Corporation redeems, for a price equal to the redemption price at that time, the Class B shares belonging to a shareholder who dies, declares bankruptcy, makes an assignment of property or a proposal to creditors, is the object of an order to seize Corporation shares or who, in general, seeks relief under any insolvency law.

The redemption price of Class B shares at a given time is equal to the amount paid, on issue, in the subdivision of the issued and paid-up share capital account for Class B shares, increased or decreased to reflect any subsequent increase or decrease in the amount of the issued and paid-up share capital attached to Class B shares.

Subject to sections 95 and 96 of the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1), the Corporation must pay the redemption price in full to the entitled person within sixty (60) days.

If the Corporation is unable to pay the redemption price in full, the entitled person then becomes the Corporation's creditor and is entitled to receive payment as soon as it is legal for the Corporation to do so. The Corporation must provide that person with an evidence of indebtedness.

The above-mentioned automatic redemption rules do not apply to Class B shareholders who hold the shares as beneficiaries.

The redemption of Class B shares by the Corporation entails their cancellation. Moreover, the Corporation reduces the subdivision of its issued and paid-up share capital account for Class B shares by the amount specified in section 72 of the Business Corporations Act.

B.7 PURCHASE BY AGREEMENT

Subject to sections 95, 96 and 97 of the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1), the Corporation may, without taking into consideration other classes of shares, purchase by agreement all or part of the Class B shares it has issued.

The Corporation must, within thirty (30) days of its acquisition by agreement of outstanding Class B shares, notify its other shareholders of the purchase. The notice includes the number of shares acquired, the names of the shareholders from whom the Corporation acquired the shares, the price paid for the shares and any balance remaining due to the shareholders; if the consideration was not money, the notice must include the nature of the consideration given and the value attributed to it. The Corporation is not required to provide the notice if it has been waived by all shareholders, whether or not their shares carry voting rights. The Corporation sends a notice to all shareholders who have not, in writing, waived their right to receive the notice.

The Corporation must provide, free of charge, to any shareholder who so requests, a copy of the agreement under which the Corporation has acquired the Class B shares.

The purchase of Class B shares by the Corporation entails their cancellation. Moreover, the Corporation reduces the subdivision of its issued and paid-up share capital account for Class B shares by the amount specified in section 72 of the Business Corporations Act.

C. CLASS C SHARES (ROLLOVER SHARES)

C.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Class C shares. Class C shares have no par value.

C.2 VOTING RIGHTS

Subject to the provisions of the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1), Class C shares do not carry the right to vote at any shareholders meeting of the Corporation or the right to receive notice of or attend such meetings.

C.3 DIVIDENDS

Class C shares carry the right to receive, with priority over Class D and A shares, a monthly, preferential, non-cumulative dividend at a maximum rate of one percent (1%) per month of the redemption price of Class C shares determined in paragraph C.6. The board of directors sets the terms of payment of the dividend. After one month has elapsed, no dividend may be declared for that month.

C.4 LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION

Class C shares carry the right to receive a share of the remaining property, in the event of liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation, at an amount equal to the redemption price of the shares at the time specified in paragraph C.6, plus any declared and unpaid dividends on Class C shares. Class C shares have priority for the payment of the amount, in the event of liquidation or dissolution, over any amount payable to Class D and A shares.

C.5 ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION

The Class C share right to receive any declared dividend or a share of the remaining property of the Corporation in the event of its liquidation or dissolution is limited to that provided above. Class C shares do not otherwise participate in the property, profits or surplus assets of the Corporation.

C.6 REDEMPTION ON THE SHAREHOLDER'S REQUEST

A Class C shareholder may, at any time and on written request, require the Corporation to redeem all or part of the fully paid Class C shares that the shareholder holds, for a price equal to the current redemption price of such shares plus any declared but unpaid dividends on the shares.

The Corporation acquires the shares upon receipt of the written request or on any other date specified in the request; it then has thirty (30) days to pay the redemption price to the shareholder, subject to sections 95 and 96 of the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1).

If the Corporation is unable to pay the redemption price in full, the shareholder then becomes a creditor of the Corporation and is entitled to receive payment as soon as it is legal for the Corporation to do so. The Corporation must provide the shareholder with an evidence of indebtedness.

The redemption price at a given time is established by adding the following amounts:

1. the amount paid, on issue, in the subdivision of the issued and paid-up share capital account for Class C shares, increased or decreased, if applicable, to reflect any subsequent increase or decrease in the amount of the issued and paid-up share capital attached to Class C shares; and

2. a premium equal to the difference between the fair market value of all the property received by the Corporation at the time of an exchange of property that included, among other things, the issuance of Class C shares and the total of the amount paid, at the time of the exchange of property, in the subdivision of the issued and paid-up share capital account attached to the Class C shares and the fair market value of any property other than the Class C shares remitted by the Corporation at the time of the exchange of property.

The fair market value of the property received by the Corporation at the time of the exchange is established by the Corporation and the shareholder at the time of the issue of such shares.

In the event of a discrepancy between the fair market value attributed by the federal or provincial tax authorities to the property received by the Corporation and the value established when the shares were issued, the amount of the premium is increased or decreased accordingly, on the condition that the Corporation and the shareholder have had an opportunity to debate the validity of the valuation with the appropriate tax authority or before the court. The accepted valuation is therefore that which is

1. used as a basis for any assessment or reassessment unless it is the subject of an appeal;
2. agreed upon by the Corporation, the shareholder and the tax authority concerned as payment of any assessment, reassessment or proposed assessment; or
3. definitively established by the court.

In the event of a discrepancy between the federal valuation and the provincial valuation, the adjustment is made on the basis of the lowest of those valuations.

If the redemption price is adjusted following the redemption of one or more Class C shares, the Corporation pays to the holder of the redeemed shares or the shareholder reimburses the Corporation the difference between the redemption price of the shares, as adjusted, and the redemption price initially paid by the Corporation.

If dividends were paid prior to the adjustment, the Corporation or the shareholder, as the case may be, must pay or reimburse the dividend amount due.

The payment or reimbursement is made within sixty (60) days of the date of the redemption price adjustment. However, the Corporation may not issue any payment in breach of sections 95, 96 and 104 of the Business Corporations Act.

The redemption of Class C shares by the Corporation entails their cancellation. Moreover, the Corporation reduces the subdivision of its issued and paid-up share capital account for Class C shares by the amount specified in section 72 of the Business Corporations Act.

C.7 PURCHASE BY AGREEMENT

Subject to sections 95, 96 and 97 of the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1), the Corporation may, without taking into consideration other share classes, purchase by agreement all or part of the fully paid Class C shares it has issued. However, the Corporation may not purchase the shares at a price higher than the previously determined redemption price.

The Corporation must, within thirty (30) days of its acquisition by agreement of outstanding Class C shares, notify its other shareholders of that purchase. The notice includes the number of shares acquired, the names of the shareholders from whom the Corporation acquired the shares, the price paid for the shares and any balance remaining due to the shareholders; if the consideration was not money, the notice must include the nature of the consideration given and the value attributed to it. The Corporation is not required to provide the notice if it has been waived by all shareholders, whether or not their shares carry voting rights. The Corporation sends a notice to all shareholders who have not, in writing, waived their right to receive the notice.

The Corporation must provide, free of charge, to any shareholder who so requests, a copy of the agreement under which the Corporation has acquired the Class C shares.

The purchase of Class C shares by the Corporation entails their cancellation. Moreover, the Corporation reduces the subdivision of its issued and paid-up share capital account for Class C shares by the amount specified in section 72 of the Business Corporations Act.

D. CLASS D SHARES (INVESTMENT SHARES)

D.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Class D shares. Class D shares have no par value.

D.2 VOTING RIGHTS

Subject to the provisions of the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1), Class D shares do not carry the right to vote at any shareholders meeting of the Corporation or the right to receive notice of or attend such meetings.

D.3 DIVIDEND

Class D shares carry the right to receive, with priority over Class A shares, an annual preferential, non-cumulative dividend at a maximum rate of eight percent (8%) per year of the redemption price of Class D shares determined in paragraph D.6. The board of directors sets the terms of payment of the dividend.

D.4 LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION

Class D shares carry the right to receive a share of the remaining property, in the event of liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation, at an amount equal to the redemption price of the shares at the time specified in paragraph D.6, plus any declared and unpaid dividends on Class D shares. Class D shares have priority for the payment of the amount, in the event of liquidation or dissolution, over any amount payable to Class A shares.

D.5 ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION

The Class D share right to receive any declared dividend or a share of the remaining property of the Corporation in the event of its liquidation or dissolution is limited to that provided above. Class D shares do not otherwise participate in the property, profits or surplus assets of the Corporation.

D.6 UNILATERAL REDEMPTION

Subject to sections 95 and 96 of the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1), the Corporation may, at any time, unilaterally redeem the fully paid Class D shares that it issued at a price equal to the redemption price of the shares at that time plus any declared and unpaid dividends on Class D shares. The redemption price of Class D shares at a given time is equal to the amount paid, on issue, in the subdivision of the issued and paid-up share capital account for Class D shares, increased or decreased to reflect any subsequent increase or decrease in the amount of the issued and paid-up share capital attached to Class D shares.

The Corporation provides a written notice to that effect at least thirty (30) days prior to the expected date of redemption. The redemption, if partial, is conducted in proportion to the number of outstanding Class D shares, without taking fractional shares into account.

The Corporation may not unilaterally redeem Class D shares unless the redemption price is paid in full.

The redemption of Class D shares by the Corporation entails their cancellation. Moreover, the Corporation reduces the subdivision of its issued and paid-up share capital account for Class D shares by the amount specified in section 72 of the Business Corporations Act.

D.7 PURCHASE BY AGREEMENT

Subject to sections 95, 96 and 97 of the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1), the Corporation may, without taking into consideration other share classes, purchase by agreement all or part of the fully paid Class D shares it has issued. However, the Corporation may not purchase Class D shares at a price higher than the previously determined redemption price.

The Corporation must, within thirty (30) days of its acquisition by agreement of outstanding Class D shares, notify its other shareholders of that purchase. The notice includes the number of shares acquired, the names of the shareholders from whom the Corporation acquired the shares, the price paid for the shares and any balance remaining due to the shareholders; if the consideration was not money, the notice must include the nature of the consideration given and the value attributed to it. The Corporation is not required to provide the notice if it has been waived by all shareholders, whether or not their shares carry voting rights. The Corporation sends a notice to all shareholders who have not, in writing, waived their right to receive the notice.

The Corporation must provide, free of charge, to any shareholder who so requests, a copy of the agreement under which the Corporation has acquired the Class D shares.

The purchase of Class D shares by the Corporation entails their cancellation. Moreover, the Corporation reduces the subdivision of its issued and paid-up share capital account for Class D shares by the amount specified in section 72 of the Business Corporations Act.

SCHEDULE II
(Sections 10, 11 and 12)

NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

The board of directors of the Corporation must be composed of a minimum of seven (7) directors and a maximum of twenty (20) directors.

**RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSFER
OF THE CORPORATION'S SECURITIES**

As long as the Corporation has private issuer status within the meaning of Regulation 45-106 respecting Prospectus Exemptions (chapter V-1.1, r. 21), any transfer of its securities, other than non-convertible debt securities, is subject to the consent of the board of directors expressed in a duly adopted resolution or, if applicable, to the restrictions contained in any agreement between the holders.

CLASSES OF ACTIVITIES

The Corporation is authorized to carry on its activities in all classes of damage insurance, in the class of accident or sickness insurance and in the class of marine insurance.

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 68-2026, 21 January 2026

By-law to amend the By-law respecting the allocation of dwellings in low rental housing

WHEREAS, under subparagraph *n* of the first paragraph of section 86 of the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec (chapter S-8), in addition to the regulatory powers assigned to it by this Act, the Société d'habitation du Québec may, by by-law, establish categories and subcategories of dwellings in low rental housing according to physical characteristics or with a view to reserving, to such extent as may be prescribed, the allocation of dwellings situated in any one immovable or in part thereof to persons meeting the requirements prescribed by by-law for inclusion in a given group;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph *o* of the first paragraph of section 86 of the Act, in addition to the regulatory powers assigned to it by this Act, the Société may, by by-law, establish conditions or criteria governing acceptance of lease applications and determining eligibility for a dwelling belonging to a given category or subcategory of dwellings in low rental housing;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph *p* of the first paragraph of section 86 of the Act, in addition to the regulatory powers assigned to it by this Act, the Société may, by by-law, establish conditions or criteria governing the allocation of dwellings in low rental housing or of such dwellings of a given category or subcategory, including conditions or criteria to be used for the classification of eligible persons, and determine the weighting of those criteria;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph *q* of the first paragraph of section 86 of the Act, in addition to the regulatory powers assigned to it by this Act, the Société may, by by-law, exclude certain persons from eligibility for the leasing or allocation of dwellings in low rental housing or of such dwellings of a given category or subcategory, or exempt certain persons from the application of certain conditions or criteria established pursuant to subparagraph *n*, *o* or *p* of that paragraph;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph *r* of the first paragraph of section 86 of the Act, in addition to the regulatory powers assigned to it by this Act, the Société may, by by-law, confer on the lessor of a dwelling in low rental housing, in respect of such elements and to such extent as may be prescribed, the power to establish, by by-law, conditions, criteria or cases of exclusion or exemption other than, or in addition to, those established pursuant

to subparagraph *n*, *o*, *p* or *q* of that paragraph and to determine, in the same manner, the weighting of his own criteria or those of the Société;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph *s* of the first paragraph of section 86 of the Act, in addition to the regulatory powers assigned to it by this Act, the Société may, by by-law, require that persons entered on the list of eligible persons communicate to the lessor of low rental housing information and documents which are necessary to him in the performance of his functions as lessor;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph *t* of the first paragraph of section 86 of the Act, in addition to the regulatory powers assigned to it by this Act, the Société may, by by-law, establish conditions according to which the lessor of low rental housing shall keep the register of applications and the list of eligible persons, as well as the period of validity of the list and the circumstances in which the lessor may remove a person's name from the list or vary his classification;

WHEREAS, under the third paragraph of section 86 of the Act, the by-laws relating to matters referred to in particular in subparagraphs *n* to *r* and *t* of the first paragraph of that section may, subject to the Charter of human rights and freedoms (chapter C-12) and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (Part I of Schedule B to the Canada Act, chapter 11 in the 1982 volume of the Acts of the Parliament of the United Kingdom), include distinctions, exclusions or preferences based on age, handicap or any element pertaining to the situation of a person;

WHEREAS the board of directors of the Société adopted, by its resolution 2025-021 dated 2 May 2025, the By-law to amend the By-law respecting the allocation of dwellings in low rental housing;

WHEREAS, under section 87 of the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec, the by-laws of the Société must be subject to approval by the Government;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft By-law to amend the By-law respecting the allocation of dwellings in low rental housing was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 16 July 2025 with a notice that it could be approved by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the By-law;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister Responsible for Housing:

THAT the By-law to amend the By-law respecting the allocation of dwellings in low rental housing, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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

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By-law to amend the By-law respecting the allocation of dwellings in low rental housing

Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec (chapter S-8, s. 86, 1st par., subpars. *n, o, p, q, r, s* and *t*, and 3rd par.).

1. The By-law respecting the allocation of dwellings in low rental housing (chapter S-8, r. 1) is amended by replacing section 4 by the following:

“4. A category B dwelling may be allocated only to a household consisting of one or more persons aged under 65.”

2. Section 5 is amended

(1) by replacing “head of the household” in the first paragraph by “occupant 1”;

(2) by replacing “head of the household” in the second paragraph by “occupant 1”.

3. Section 8 is amended by replacing “to the head of the household” in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by “to occupant 1 within the meaning of section 1 of the By-law respecting the conditions for the leasing of dwellings in low-rental housing (chapter S-8, r. 3)”.

4. Section 14 is amended by replacing “domestic violence” and “force or” in subparagraph 2 of the third paragraph by “family violence, including domestic violence,” and “force, an assistance centre for persons who are victims of criminal offences or”, respectively.

5. Section 23 is amended

(1) by replacing “domestic violence” and “force or” in paragraph 1 by “family violence, including domestic violence,” and “force, an assistance centre for persons who are victims of criminal offences or”, respectively;

(2) by replacing “15” in paragraph 2 by “30”.

6. Section 28 is amended by striking out “municipal”.

Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 81-2026, 21 January 2026

Regulation to amend the Regulation of the Comité paritaire de l'industrie des services automobiles de la région de Montréal respecting the keeping of a register, the monthly report and the levy

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 3 of subparagraph *i* of the second paragraph of section 22 of the Act respecting collective agreement decrees (chapter D-2), from the mere fact of its formation, the Comité paritaire de l'industrie des services automobiles de la région de Montréal may, as of right, by a regulation approved by the Government and published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, levy the sums required for the carrying out of the decree and such levying is subject to the following conditions:

— the Regulation may determine the basis for the calculation of the levy in the case of a workman or artisan who is not serving a professional employer, and determine that the levy shall be collectable from such workman or artisan although demandable only from the professional employer;

WHEREAS the board of directors of the committee adopted the Regulation to amend the Regulation of the Comité paritaire de l'industrie des services automobiles de la région de Montréal respecting the keeping of a register, the monthly report and the levy at its sitting of 11 February 2025;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Regulation of the Comité paritaire de l'industrie des services automobiles de la région de Montréal respecting the keeping of a register, the monthly report and the levy was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 8 October 2025 with a notice that it could be approved by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Regulation without amendment;

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

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation of the Comité paritaire de l'industrie des services automobiles de la région de Montréal respecting the keeping of a register, the monthly report and the levy, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation to amend the Regulation of the Comité paritaire de l'industrie des services automobiles de la région de Montréal respecting the keeping of a register, the monthly report and the levy

Act respecting collective agreement decrees
(chapter D-2, s. 22, 2nd par., subpar. *i*, subpar. 3).

1. The Regulation of the Comité paritaire de l'industrie des services automobiles de la région de Montréal respecting the keeping of a register, the monthly report and the levy, approved by Order in Council 1631-2024 dated 13 November 2024, is amended by replacing section 10 by the following:

“**10.** Despite paragraph 2 of section 9, the amount of the levy payable by an artisan or workman who is not serving a professional employer is calculated weekly as follows: 0.35% of the wage rate in force for a class 3 journeyman, multiplied by the duration of the standard work-week provided for in section 3.01 of the Decree respecting the automotive services industry in the Montréal region (chapter D-2, r. 10).”

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

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Draft Regulation

Veterinary Surgeons Act
(chapter M-8)

Veterinary surgeons

— Acts which may be performed by classes of persons other than veterinary surgeons

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting the acts which may be performed by classes of persons other than veterinary surgeons, as adopted by the board of directors of the Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec and appearing below, is published as a draft and may be examined by the Office des professions du Québec then submitted to the Government which may approve it, with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting the acts which, among those that constitute the practice of veterinary medicine, may be performed by classes of persons other than veterinary surgeons (chapter M-8, r. 1). The purpose of the draft Regulation is to determine, among the acts referred to in section 7 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act (chapter M-8), those that may be performed on the conditions prescribed in the draft Regulation by classes of persons other than veterinary surgeons, in particular by professional technologists, students and wildlife protection officers.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Marie Laurence Lenfant, secretary and legal advisor, Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec, 800, avenue Sainte-Anne, bureau 200, Saint-Hyacinthe (Québec) J2S 5G7; telephone: 450 774-1427 or 1 800 267-1427; email: marie.laurence.lenfant@omvq.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Jean Gagnon, secretary, Office des professions du Québec, 800, place D'Youville, 10^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5Z3; email: secretariat@opq.gouv.qc.ca. The comments may be forwarded by the Office to the Minister of Labour; they may also be forwarded to the Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec and to interested persons, departments and bodies.

JEAN GAGNON

Secretary, Office des professions du Québec

Regulation respecting the acts which may be performed by classes of persons other than veterinary surgeons

Veterinary Surgeons Act
(chapter M-8, s. 6.1, 1st par., subpar. 3).

DIVISION I

OBJECT

1. This Regulation determines, among the acts referred to in section 7 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act (chapter M-8), those that may be performed on the conditions prescribed in the Regulation by classes of persons other than veterinary surgeons.

DIVISION II

CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MAY PERFORM ACTS

2. The following classes of persons may perform acts pursuant to this Regulation:

(1) a professional technologist who holds a diploma of college studies in animal health techniques issued in Québec or whose diploma or training equivalence has been recognized under the Regulation respecting equivalence standards for the issuing of permits by the Ordre professionnel des technologues professionnels (chapter C-26, r. 262);

(2) a student who is enrolled in a college study program in animal health techniques offered in Québec or in a study program in animal health techniques offered by an institution accredited or recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association and who has successfully completed at least one year in the program;

(3) a student in veterinary medicine who is enrolled in the Doctorat en médecine vétérinaire program at Université de Montréal or in a program of university studies in veterinary medicine at an institution accredited or recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association and who has successfully completed at least one year in the program;

(4) a professional technologist who, under the Food Products Act (chapter P-29) and the Animal Health Protection Act (chapter P-42), performs acts in connection with animal health, animal production or food processing in the “Agriculture and Fisheries”, “Food Services and Tourism” or “Chemistry and Biology” vocational sector;

(5) a wildlife protection officer within the meaning of the Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife (chapter C-61.1) and a biologist, animal health technician or wildlife technician who exercise wildlife management functions for the Gouvernement du Québec;

(6) an animal keeper and an assistant animal health technician.

DIVISION III CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED TO PERFORM ACTS

3. To perform acts under this Regulation, a person referred to in paragraphs 1 and 4 of section 2 must act in accordance with a prescription or directive given by a veterinary surgeon.

In addition, to perform the acts referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 of section 7, a person referred to in paragraph 1 of section 2 must act under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon.

A person referred to in paragraph 4 of section 2 must also have completed training recognized by the Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec on the detection of *ante mortem* anomalies, the gathering of physiological data, the taking of samples from animal carcasses and the detection of anomalies in animal products intended for consumption.

4. To perform acts under this Regulation, a person referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of section 2 must

(1) act under the supervision of and in accordance with a prescription or directive given by a veterinary surgeon able to intervene within a reasonable time, taking into account in particular the nature of the act performed, the degree of urgency and the circumstances;

(2) comply with the regulatory standards applicable to veterinary surgeons, including those relating to ethics and the keeping of records and consulting offices.

5. To perform acts under this Regulation on a live animal or fish within the meaning of section 1 of the Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife (chapter C-61.1), a person referred to in paragraph 5 of section 2 must

(1) act in accordance with a prescription or directive given by a veterinary surgeon, which must provide whether supervision or follow-up is required, taking into account the context, the nature of the act performed and, if applicable, the terms and conditions of that supervision or follow-up;

(2) comply with the regulatory standards applicable to veterinary surgeons, including those relating to ethics;

(3) have completed training given by a veterinary surgeon on the acts performed under this Regulation.

6. To perform acts under this Regulation, a person referred to in paragraph 6 of section 2 must

(1) have apprenticed with a veterinary surgeon until becoming proficient in the skills required to perform them;

(2) act under the supervision of and in accordance with a prescription or directive given by a veterinary surgeon able to intervene within a reasonable time, taking into account in particular the nature of the act performed, the degree of urgency and the circumstances;

(3) comply with the regulatory standards applicable to veterinary surgeons, including those relating to ethics and the keeping of records and consulting offices.

DIVISION IV ACTS WHICH MAY BE PERFORMED

7. A person referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of section 2 may perform the following acts:

(1) take samples that do not require surgery and do not destroy living tissue;

(2) treat medical veterinary disorders using a mechanical, physical, chemical or biological process;

(3) perform diagnostic tests;

(4) suture wounds;

(5) administer drugs;

(6) perform the technical tasks related to anesthesia;

(7) prepare medications intended for animals.

8. A person referred to in paragraph 3 of section 2 may perform the acts referred to in section 7.

The person may also perform, among the acts referred to in section 7 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act (chapter M-8), those required to complete a university study program in veterinary medicine, except prescribe medications.

9. A person referred to in paragraph 4 of section 2 may perform the following acts:

- (1) detect *ante mortem* anomalies;
- (2) authorize the slaughter of animals that do not present any anomalies and whose physiological data are within recognized standards;
- (3) take samples from animal carcasses or dead animals;
- (4) dispose of animal products intended for consumption that deviate from recognized standards.

10. A person referred to in paragraph 5 of section 2 may perform the following acts:

- (1) treat medical veterinary disorders using a mechanical, physical, chemical or biological process;
- (2) administer drugs;
- (3) take samples that do not require surgery and do not destroy living tissue;
- (4) perform diagnostic tests;
- (5) install a transmitter to a fish.

11. A person referred to in paragraph 6 of section 2 may perform the following acts:

- (1) administer treatments by oral, topical, otic, ophthalmic or intramammary route;
- (2) prepare medications intended for animals.

DIVISION VI TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL

12. A person who, in the 5 years preceding 6 September 2007, worked continuously in a clinical setting under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon may perform the acts referred to in section 7 on the conditions prescribed in section 4.

13. An animal health technician who, on (*insert the date occurring before the date of coming into force of this Regulation*), was performing acts in accordance with section 3 of the Regulation respecting the acts which, among those that constitute the practice of veterinary medicine, may be performed by classes of persons other than veterinary surgeons (chapter M-8, r. 1) may continue to

perform those acts in accordance with that section until (*insert the date occurring 6 months after the date of coming into force of this Regulation*).

14. A person who, in the 10 years preceding (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*), was performing acts referred to in the Food Products Act (chapter P-29) or the Animal Health Protection Act (chapter P-42) under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon and who holds a university-level diploma in biology or a college diploma in animal health techniques or laboratory technology may perform the acts referred to in section 9 on the conditions prescribed in section 4 until (*insert the date occurring 1 year after the date of coming into force of this Regulation*).

The person must also be entered in a register kept by the Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec.

15. This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting the acts which, among those that constitute the practice of veterinary medicine, may be performed by classes of persons other than veterinary surgeons (chapter M-8, r. 1).

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

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Draft Regulation

Animal Health Protection Act
(chapter P-42)

Artificial Insemination of Domestic Cattle — Revocation

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 Artificial Insemination of Domestic Cattle Regulation, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation revokes the Artificial Insemination of Domestic Cattle Regulation (chapter P-42, r. 9).

Study of the matter to date has shown that the revocation of the Regulation reduces the administrative burden and costs for the enterprises conducting domestic cattle semen collection. In particular, the abolishing of the permit required to conduct the collection removes \$1,374 in administrative formality costs and \$4,297 in permit fees, resulting in savings of \$5,671 for each cattle semen collection enterprise operating in Québec.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Claudia Gagné-Fortin, assistant director, réglementation, Direction de la santé et du bien-être des animaux, Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6; email: claudia.gagne-fortin@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Guylaine Bouchard, Assistant Deputy Minister, Sous-ministériat à la salubrité alimentaire, à l'inspection et à la santé animale, Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 12^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6; email: guylaine.bouchard@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca.

DONALD MARTEL

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Regulation to amend the Artificial Insemination of Domestic Cattle Regulation

Animal Health Protection Act
(chapter P-42, s. 28).

1. The Artificial Insemination of Domestic Cattle Regulation (chapter P-42, r. 9) is revoked.

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

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Draft Regulation

Act respecting land use planning and development
(chapter A-19.1)

Act to amend the Act respecting municipal taxation
and other legislative provisions
(2023, chapter 33)

Certain contributions to municipal services required for the issue of a permit or certificate

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting certain contributions to municipal services required for the issue of a permit or certificate, appearing below, may be made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is mainly to provide for exemptions from the payment of a contribution for the issue of certain development permits or certificates and, for contributions other than those intended for the financing of a shared transportation service, to determine the classes of municipal infrastructures or equipment that may be financed by the payment of such a contribution.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Jean-François Gourde, director, Direction de la fiscalité et de l'évaluation foncière, Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation, 10, rue Pierre-Olivier-Chauveau, aile Chauveau, 2^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4J3; telephone: 418 691-2015, extension 83391; email: jean-francois.gourde@mamh.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Jean-François Gourde at the above contact information.

GENEVIÈVE GUILBAULT
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Regulation respecting certain contributions to municipal services required for the issue of a permit or certificate

Act respecting land use planning and development
(chapter A-19.1, s. 226.2).

Act to amend the Act respecting municipal taxation
and other legislative provisions
(2023, chapter 33, s. 4).

DIVISION 1 APPLICATION

1. Unless otherwise indicated, this Regulation applies to contributions that may be required from the applicant for a permit or certificate under subparagraph 2 or 3 of the first paragraph of section 145.21 of the Act respecting land use planning and development (chapter A-19.1).

DIVISION 2 CLASSES OF STRUCTURES THAT MAY NOT BE SUBORDINATED TO THE PAYMENT OF A CONTRIBUTION

2. No contribution may be required in respect of a dwelling referred to in one of the following paragraphs:

(1) a dwelling in low-rental or modest-rental housing;

(2) a dwelling that is or will be the subject of an operating agreement of a duration of at least 25 years, in particular as affordable housing, entered into with the Société d'habitation du Québec, a municipality, the Government, a government minister or body, or the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation;

(3) a dwelling that is or will be the subject of an operating agreement of a duration of at least 25 years entered into with a person other than the persons mentioned in paragraph 2 and for which the rent is determined according to criteria set out in a program implemented under the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec (chapter S-8);

(4) a dwelling in an immovable for which the owner is or will be recognized in accordance with the regulation referred to in the second paragraph of article 1979 of the Civil Code.

3. No contribution may be required in respect of all or part of an immovable that is or will be a private seniors' residence within the meaning of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system (chapter G-1.021) or the Act respecting health services and social services for the Inuit and Naskapi (chapter S-4.2).

DIVISION 3

CLASSES OF MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURES OR EQUIPMENT THAT MAY BE FINANCED BY THE PAYMENT OF A CONTRIBUTION

4. This Division applies to any contribution required under subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 145.21 of the Act respecting land use planning and development.

5. The infrastructures and equipment that may be financed by the payment of a contribution must relate to the following services:

- (1) water supply;
- (2) waste water and rainwater management;
- (3) roads.

DIVISION 4

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL

6. No contribution may be required in respect of a dwelling that meets the following conditions:

- (1) the dwelling is intended for a person pursuing studies within the meaning of article 1979 of the Civil Code;
- (2) the dwelling is or will be included in a unit of assessment entered on the roll in the name of a non-profit legal person whose object is to build and administer residences for students at the university level.

The first paragraph ceases to have effect on 21 February 2029.

7. This Regulation does not apply to a municipal by-law adopted under subparagraph 2 or 3 of the first paragraph of section 145.21 of the Act respecting land use planning and development (chapter A-19.1) if the by-law came into force before (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*).

The first paragraph ceases to have effect on 1 January 2028.

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

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Draft Regulation

Food Products Act
(chapter P-29)

Food — 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 food, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation amends the Regulation respecting food in order to incorporate, with the necessary modifications, the standards applicable to local slaughterhouses provided for by the Act to regularize and provide for the development of local slaughterhouses (chapter R-19.1). It also proposes to create a new local slaughterhouse permit category and to incorporate into the Regulation respecting food the standards set in the Pilot project concerning the operation of a chicken slaughterhouse at the farm (chapter P-29, r. 3.2) with a view to maintaining the activities authorized by the pilot project. Lastly, it authorizes, under certain conditions, farm producers to prepare and sell meat and meat products from animals from their livestock that were slaughtered in a local slaughterhouse.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Francis Roberge, Direction de la salubrité alimentaire, Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6; email: reglementation1@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Guylaine Bouchard, assistant deputy minister, Sous-ministériat à la salubrité alimentaire, à l'inspection et à la santé animale, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 12^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6; email: guylaine.bouchard@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting food

Food Products Act
(chapter P-29, s. 7 and s. 40, pars. *a*, *a.1*, *a.2*, *c.4*, *c.5* and *c.6*)

1. The Regulation respecting food (chapter P-29, r. 1) is amended in section 1.3.1.1,

(1) in the first paragraph,

(a) by inserting “*a.1* and” after “subparagraphs” in the portion before subparagraph 1;

(b) by replacing subparagraph 1 by the following:

“(1) the applicant’s name, address, telephone number and email address and, if applicable, those of the person authorized to submit the application;

(1.1) the applicant’s business number assigned under the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises (chapter P-44.1), if applicable;”;

(2) by striking out the second and third paragraphs.

2. The following is inserted after section 1.3.1.1:

“**1.3.1.1.0.1.** To obtain a local slaughterhouse permit required under subparagraph *a.1* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act, a person must apply in writing to the Minister. The application must contain the following information:

(1) the applicant’s name, address, telephone number and email address and, if applicable, those of the person authorized to submit the application;

(2) the applicant’s business number assigned under the Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises (chapter P-44.1), if applicable;

(3) the name under which the slaughterhouse will be operated and its address or the vehicle registration number and, if applicable, the address of the delicatessen plants;

(4) the slaughtering schedule;

(5) the estimated number of animals slaughtered monthly, by species;

(6) a list of the activities the person intends to carry on.”.

3. Section 1.3.1.1.6 is amended by replacing “the permit referred to” in the second paragraph by “the permits referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of section 1.3.5.B.1, paragraphs 3 and 4 of section 1.3.5.C.1 and”.

4. Section 1.3.1.2 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph

(a) by inserting “or the application for a permit referred to in section 1.3.1.1.0.1” after “Act,” in the portion before subparagraph *a*;

(b) by replacing “and of any cold storage” by “and, if applicable, those of any cold storage” in subparagraph *g*;

(2) by adding “, if applicable” at the end of subparagraph *b* of the second paragraph.

5. Section 1.3.1.5 is amended by replacing “in the first paragraph of section 1.3.1.1” in the first paragraph by “in section 1.3.1.1 or 1.3.1.1.0.1”.

6. Section 1.3.1.6 is amended by inserting “1.3.1.1.0.1,” after “1.3.1.1,” in the first paragraph.

7. The following is inserted after section 1.3.2.7:

“§1.3.2.A. *Categories of local slaughterhouse permits*

1.3.2.A.1. There are 2 categories of local slaughterhouse permit:

(a) local slaughterhouse permit, “general” category;

(b) local slaughterhouse permit, “chicken at the farm” category.

1.3.2.A.2. A local slaughterhouse permit, “general” category, authorizes its holder to operate a local slaughterhouse that complies with the requirements of subdivision 6.3.A.1, where animals are slaughtered, and not more than 2 delicatessen plants that comply with the requirements of subdivision 6.7.1.A, where meat or meat products are prepared for purposes of retail sale or to furnish services for remuneration for the personal consumption of a customer or for a farm producer.

For the purposes of this section and section 6.7, “farm producer” means an animal owner who asks a local slaughterhouse, “general” category, to furnish services for remuneration for the purpose of selling products at retail.

1.3.2.A.3. A local slaughterhouse permit, “chicken at the farm” category, authorizes its holder to operate a local slaughterhouse that complies with the requirements of subdivision 6.3.A.2, where chickens are slaughtered, and 1 delicatessen plant, where meat or meat products are prepared for purposes of retail sale.”.

8. Section 1.3.3.2 is amended by replacing “fourth” by “third”.

9. The following is inserted after section 1.3.5.D.1:

“**1.3.5.D.1.1.** The exemption provided for in subparagraph *m* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act also applies to a stall in a market place operated by the holder of a permit provided for in subparagraph *a.1* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act.

A copy of the permit must be posted in the stall at the market place.”.

10. The following is inserted after section 1.3.6.1:

“**1.3.6.1.1.** Fees for the issue or renewal of a permit for the operation of a local slaughterhouse are:

(a) \$764, for the “general” category;

(b) \$360, for the “chicken at the farm” category.”.

11. Section 6.2.1 is amended

(1) by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

“However, Divisions 6.3 and 6.5, except the third paragraph of section 6.3.5.7 and section 6.5.2.31, do not apply to a local slaughterhouse, “general” category. Division 6.3, section 6.4.1.16, subdivision 6.4.3 and Division 6.5, except the third paragraph of section 6.3.5.7 and section 6.5.2.31, do not apply to a local slaughterhouse, “chicken at the farm” category.”;

(2) by striking out the third paragraph.

12. Section 6.2.1.1 is amended by replacing “fourth” in the portion before subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph by “third”.

13. The following is inserted after section 6.3.5.11:

**“DIVISION 6.3.A
CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF LOCAL
SLAUGHTERHOUSES**

**§6.3.A.1. Standards for the construction and
equipment of local slaughterhouses, “general” category**

6.3.A.1.1. A local slaughterhouse, “general” category, may not be situated in an establishment used to operate a slaughterhouse referred to in subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act.

6.3.A.1.2. A local slaughterhouse must include

(a) a room or area for receiving animals that must be designed to prevent falls and injuries to animals;

(b) a room used for slaughtering that has

i. an area for rendering unconscious and bleeding operations and, if applicable, the following dressing operations: skinning, bristle removal or plucking, as the case may be; and

ii. an area for dressing operations subsequent to the operations referred to in subparagraph *i*, evisceration operations and any other carcass processing;

(c) cold storage rooms including an initial cooling area and a refrigerated preserving area;

(d) an area for containers reserved for inedible meat and skins;

(e) a compartment for storing cleaning, washing and sanitizing materials; and

(f) an area for machines and an area for repair and maintenance.

A lavatory with wash basin must be accessible to the authorized person.

6.3.A.1.3. When birds other than ratites are slaughtered, the area referred to in subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph of section 6.3.A.1.2 must be separated from the area referred to in subparagraph *ii* of subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph of that section by a partition.

6.3.A.1.4. The rooms and areas of the local slaughterhouse must be laid out in such manner that there is a continuous progression of the animals before and during

slaughtering, and of the resulting carcasses, without any possibility of backtracking, overlapping or crossing over between live animals, products and inedible meat.

The rooms and areas must be sufficiently large and be laid out in such manner as to avoid contaminating the carcasses and other products. The rooms and areas must also be designed to prevent the entry of any species of animal other than those being slaughtered, including insects and rodents.

6.3.A.1.5. The floors of the local slaughterhouse must be impermeable, washable and in good condition.

The walls, doors, windows and ceilings must be washable, smooth and in good condition.

6.3.A.1.6. A local slaughterhouse must have

(a) room lighting and ventilation equipment or facilities and hot and cold drinking water supply equipment or facilities;

(b) handwashing equipment or facilities;

(c) waste water recovery or drainage equipment or facilities;

(d) feeding and drinking equipment or facilities for species other than birds and rabbits, in the room or receiving area;

(e) equipment or facilities for restraining, with a cage for cattle, horses and any other species as is required when rendering such animals unconscious or using any other device for other species that do not need a cage, in the area referred to in subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph of section 6.3.A.1.2;

(f) equipment or facilities for rendering animals unconscious before bleeding them, suitable for the species slaughtered;

(g) suspension equipment or facilities for the bleeding of animals;

(h) equipment or facilities to keep carcasses off the floor during skinning;

(i) washing equipment or facilities for the inspection of heads, if cattle and horses are slaughtered;

(j) plucking equipment or facilities, if birds other than ratites are slaughtered;

(k) equipment or facilities for removing bristle if the skin is not removed, if pigs are slaughtered;

(l) carcass rinsing equipment or facilities;

(m) equipment or facilities for disposing of inedible meat and skins in such a way that they do not become a source of contamination;

(n) equipment or facilities for the inspection of carcasses, viscera and offal;

(o) if species other than birds and rabbits are slaughtered, equipment or facilities for splitting carcasses in such a way that they remain safe;

(p) knife sterilization equipment or facilities in each area of the slaughtering room in a number sufficient for the operations; and

(q) equipment or facilities to lower the internal temperature of the products and preserve them in accordance with section 6.3.1.8.

§6.3.A.2. *Standards for construction and layout of local slaughterhouses, “chicken at the farm” category*

6.3.A.2.1. A local slaughterhouse, “chicken at the farm” category, must be situated on the raising site of the chickens that will be slaughtered there.

It may not be situated in an establishment used to operate a slaughterhouse referred to in subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act.

6.3.A.2.2. The local slaughterhouse must include areas dedicated for the following activities:

(a) the following rendering unconscious, bleeding and dressing operations: scalding and plucking;

(b) the subsequent dressing operations, evisceration and any other carcass processing.

The areas must be separated by a partition.

6.3.A.2.3. The areas of the local slaughterhouse must be laid out in such manner that there is a continuous progression of chickens before and during slaughtering, and of the resulting carcasses, without any possibility of backtracking, overlapping and crossing over of live chickens, products and inedible meat.

The rooms and areas must be sufficiently large and be laid out in such manner as to avoid contaminating the carcasses and other products. The rooms and areas must also be designed to prevent the entry of any species of animals, including insects and rodents.

6.3.A.2.4. The local slaughterhouse must have

(a) knives used to slaughter and dress chickens;

(b) equipment, in the areas provided for in the first paragraph of section 6.3.A.2.2, for heat sterilizing knives at 82 °C, such as a sanitation device, or for sterilizing them by way of a chemical process;

(c) a cold and hot drinkable running water supply at least 60 °C;

(d) hygienic handwashing equipment;

(e) equipment for restraining chickens, rendering them unconscious and bleeding them;

(f) scalding and plucking equipment making it possible to fully remove the chickens’ feathers;

(g) suspension equipment for eviscerating carcasses;

(h) equipment for rinsing carcasses;

(i) a cold storage equipment or facility for cooling carcasses;

(j) a cold storage facility at a maximum temperature of 4 °C for storing carcasses;

(k) equipment intended solely to salvage inedible meat to prevent it from being introduced into the food chain or from becoming a source of contamination, in particular with regard to the products; and

(l) a waste water recovery or drainage system.

The equipment and facilities referred to in subparagraphs *i* and *j* may be one and the same facility, provided the temperature can be maintained a maximum of 4 °C.”.

14. The following is inserted after the heading of subdivision 6.4.1:

“**6.4.1.0.1.** With respect to a local slaughterhouse, “general” category, sections 6.4.1.1, 6.4.1.17 and 6.4.2.7 must be read by replacing the word “room” by “area”.

With respect to a local slaughterhouse, “chicken at the farm” category, section 6.4.1.1 must be read by replacing “preserving room under refrigeration or deep freezing” by “cold storage facility”.”.

15. Section 6.4.2.1 is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Subparagraph *f* of the first paragraph does not apply to the operator of a local slaughterhouse, “general” category.”.

16. Section 6.4.2.2 is amended by replacing “76 to 80 of the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1990 (SOR/90-288)” by “141 to 144 of the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SOR/2018-108)”.

17. Section 6.4.2.6 is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The first paragraph does not apply to a local slaughterhouse, “general” category.”.

18. The following is inserted after section 6.4.3.18:

“§6.4.3.A. *Operations relating to local slaughterhouses, “chicken at the farm” category*

6.4.3.A.1. The maximum number of chickens that may be slaughtered by the holder of a permit for a local slaughterhouse, “chicken at the farm” category, is 300 per year.

6.4.3.A.2. A permit holder must, at least twice a year, have a veterinary surgeon see to the sanitary and preventative management of the permit holder’s chicken operation.

The sanitary and preventative management report and any veterinary prescriptions must be kept on the farm site for a period of 2 years following the date of the veterinary surgeon’s visit.

6.4.3.A.3. Only chickens may be slaughtered in a local slaughterhouse, “chicken at the farm” category. The chickens must meet the following criteria:

(a) they belong to the permit holder and they were raised by the permit holder;

(b) they have no sign of disease or anomaly and they come from a healthy flock;

(c) if they have been administered a medication or have consumed a medicinal food, the waiting period indicated in the veterinary prescription or, in other cases, on the packaging of, or in a document provided with the medication or medicinal food must be expired.

6.4.3.A.4. The following information must be sent to the Minister within 3 to 7 days before chickens are slaughtered, using the sheet prescribed by the Minister:

(a) the permit holder’s name, address, telephone number and email address;

(b) the number of the permit authorizing the permit holder to operate a local slaughterhouse;

(c) the date set for the slaughter of the chickens;

(d) the number of chickens that will be slaughtered on the date provided for in subparagraph *c*;

(e) the state of health of the flock, including that of the chickens that will be slaughtered and the contaminants to which they have been exposed and that constitute a risk to consumers’ health, if applicable;

(f) any medication or vaccine administered to the chickens that will be slaughtered and the medicine or vaccine withdrawal period, within 60 days before the date of slaughter;

(g) the date on which the sheet is completed.

The sheet must be signed by the permit holder. A copy of the sheet must be kept on the site of the local slaughterhouse for a period of 1 year following the date of slaughter of the chickens.

The Minister must be informed as soon as possible of any change to any of the information referred to in the first paragraph.

6.4.3.A.5. Chickens must be rendered unconscious, bled, scalded and plucked in the area provided for that purpose.

Such operations must be carried out in conformity with the following prescriptions:

(a) the chickens must be placed on the restraining equipment referred to in subparagraph *e* of the first paragraph of section 6.3.A.2.4, immobilized, rendered unconscious and bled in compliance with section 6.4.2.2;

(b) bleeding must be complete;

(c) scalding and plucking must be carried out using the equipment referred to in subparagraph *f* of the first paragraph of section 6.3.A.2.4 and the water from the scalding equipment must be renewed according to the volume of the operations;

(d) the carcasses must be rinsed with cold water immediately after plucking.

6.4.3.A.6. The other dressing and evisceration operations and any other carcass processing must be carried out in the area intended for that purpose and in conformity with the following prescriptions:

(a) scalded and plucked carcasses must be placed on the suspension equipment referred to in subparagraph *g* of the first paragraph of section 6.3.A.2.4 for evisceration;

(b) the feathers, stumps and hairs must be removed;

(c) the head and oil gland must be removed;

(d) the carcasses must be rinsed with cold water;

(e) the carcasses must then be eviscerated by opening them and

i. offal may be collected, if applicable;

ii. the feet must be cut off at the tarsal joint; and

iii. the carcasses must be rinsed a final time on the outside and on the inside so as to not be soiled with residue.

6.4.3.A.7. The carcasses must be cooled immediately after evisceration by placing the carcasses in the equipment or facility referred to in subparagraph *i* of the first paragraph of section 6.3.A.2.4, until they reach a maximum internal temperature of 4 °C.

The carcasses must then be stored in the facility referred to in subparagraph *j* of the first paragraph of section 6.3.A.2.4.

6.4.3.A.8. The slaughterhouse areas must be adequately cleaned, in particular, blood and feathers must be removed after each day of slaughter.

6.4.3.A.9. Despite sections 6.4.1.16 and 6.4.4.10, inedible meat must be disposed of according to the means provided for in section 7.3.1.

6.4.3.A.10. Meat or meat products held in a local slaughterhouse must come from

(a) chickens slaughtered in that local slaughterhouse;

(b) animals slaughtered in a slaughterhouse referred to in subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act or in a slaughterhouse covered by a licence issued under the Safe Food for Canadians Act (S.C. 2012, c. 24) and that authorizes the slaughter of animals for human consumption in accordance with that Act; and

(c) animals belonging to the permit holder and that were slaughtered in a local slaughterhouse, “general” category.

6.4.3.A.11. Meat and meat products from a local slaughterhouse may be sold only on the site of that establishment or at a market place.

In addition, the meat and meat products may be served on premises or in a vehicle where an activity forming part of a restaurateur’s business is carried on, if the premises or vehicle is on the site of the local slaughterhouse.

6.4.3.A.12. A permit holder must, at least 15 days before taking part at a market place, inform the Minister of the date and address of the market place.

6.4.3.A.13. A permit holder is prohibited, with respect to meat or meat products derived from animals slaughtered in the permit holder’s slaughterhouse, from

(a) selling them wholesale;

(b) carrying on special trading under section 6.7.1.12;

(c) supplying a vending machine with them; and

(d) storing them elsewhere than on the site of the permit holder’s farm or stall at a market place.

This section also applies, with the necessary modifications, to the permit holder who operates premises or a vehicle referred to in subparagraph *n* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act with respect to meat or meat products derived from chickens slaughtered in the permit holder’s slaughterhouse.

6.4.3.A.14. Despite the fourth paragraph of section 6.5.2.26, the second paragraph of section 6.5.2.27, the first paragraph of section 6.5.2.28 and the first paragraph of section 6.5.2.29, meat or meat products held at a delicatessen plant, a stall at a market place, or on premises or in a vehicle where an activity forming part of a restaurateur’s business is carried on operated by the permit holder may come from the permit holder’s local slaughterhouse.

6.4.3.A.15. In addition to the inscriptions provided for in section 3.3.3, the packaging of products prepared from chickens slaughtered at the local slaughterhouse must include the following inscriptions:

(a) the date of slaughter of the chickens and the date of packaging of the product;

(b) the following notice: “NOTICE: derived from chickens not slaughtered under permanent inspection”.

6.4.3.A.16. Before the conclusion of a distance sale, the buyer must be informed that the meat and meat products on sale are derived from chickens not slaughtered and processed under permanent inspection.

Where an activity forming part of a restaurateur’s business is carried on and meat or meat products from a local slaughterhouse are served, the information referred to in the first paragraph must be indicated on the menu or be brought to the consumer’s attention by any other means.”

19. Section 6.4.3.3 is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The provisions of subparagraph *a* of the second paragraph relating to the conveyor or overhead rail do not apply to a local slaughterhouse, “general” category.”.

20. Section 6.5.2.5 is amended by replacing “fourth” in the second paragraph by “third”.

21. Section 6.5.2.6 is amended by replacing “fourth” in subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph by “third”.

22. Section 6.5.2.26 is amended by replacing subparagraph *b* of the fifth paragraph by the following:

“(b) subject to sections 6.4.3.A.14, 6.7.1.A.6 and 6.7.1.B.6, a slaughterhouse referred to in subparagraph *a.1* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act;”.

23. Section 6.5.2.28 is amended

(1) by replacing subparagraph *b* of the second paragraph by the following:

“(b) subject to sections 6.4.3.A.14, 6.7.1.A.6 and 6.7.1.B.6, a slaughterhouse referred to in subparagraph *a.1* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act;”;

(2) by replacing “fourth” in subparagraph *a*° of the fourth paragraph by “third”.

24. Section 6.5.2.29 is amended by replacing “fourth” in subparagraph *a* of the third paragraph by “third”.

25. Sections 6.5.2.30 and 6.5.2.32 are revoked.

26. Section 6.6.2 is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The first paragraph does not apply to carcasses, meat, parts or organs of an animal slaughtered in a local slaughterhouse.”.

27. The following is inserted after section 6.7.1.16:

“§6.7.1.A. *Special provisions applicable to local slaughterhouses, “general” category*

6.7.1.A.1. Animals may be slaughtered in a local slaughterhouse, “general” category, only if

(a) the meat is intended to be sold at retail in delicatessen plants operated by the permit holder and a stall at a market place or, if the permit holder holds a permit referred to in subparagraph *n* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act, in one place or vehicle where the permit holder carries on an activity forming part of a restaurateur’s business;

(b) the animals belong to a customer of the slaughterhouse and whose meat is for the customer’s personal consumption; and

(c) the animals belong to a farm producer.

In addition, the animals must not

(a) be unable to stand or move about without assistance; or

(b) exhibit abnormal behaviour or an abnormal appearance.

6.7.1.A.2. The animals belonging to a farm producer may only be slaughtered if the sheet provided for in section 6.7.1.B.3 has been received. The sheet must be kept on the site of the local slaughterhouse for a period of 1 year following the date of slaughter of the animals.

In addition, it must be possible to associate the carcass of those animals to the animal it comes from until it is delivered to the farm producer.

6.7.1.A.3. The operator of a local slaughterhouse that offers slaughtering services of animals belonging to a farm producer must ensure that a person holding a training

certificate for slaughtering operations is present during the slaughtering of any animal referred to in section 6.7.1.A.1. The operator is then exempt from the application of sections 2.2.4.1 to 2.2.4.3.

A training certificate for slaughtering operations is issued by the Minister to every person who has received training for slaughtering operations provided by the Minister.

6.7.1.A.4. Meat or meat products held in a local slaughterhouse must exclusively be derived from

(a) animals slaughtered in that local slaughterhouse;

(b) animals slaughtered in a slaughterhouse referred to in subparagraph *a* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act or in a slaughterhouse covered by a licence issued under the Safe Food for Canadians Act (S.C. 2012, c. 24) and that authorizes the slaughter of animals for human consumption in accordance with that Act; and

(c) animals held in accordance with the Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife (chapter C-61.1) and prepared solely for the slaughterhouse customers' personal consumption.

Only meat or meat products derived from animals described in subparagraphs *a* and *b* of the first paragraph may be sold to a delicatessen plant operated by the holder of a local slaughterhouse permit.

6.7.1.A.5. Meat or meat products from a local slaughterhouse may only be sold at retail in the delicatessen plants operated by the permit holder and a stall at a market place.

Subject to the permit holder holding the permit referred to in subparagraph *n* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act, the permit holder may also supply meat or meat products to one place or vehicle where the permit holder carries on an activity forming part of a restaurateur's business.

6.7.1.A.6. Despite the fourth paragraph of section 6.5.2.26, the second paragraph of section 6.5.2.27, the first paragraph of section 6.5.2.28 and the first paragraph of section 6.5.2.29, meat or meat products held at the delicatessen plant, stall at a market place or premises or vehicle where an activity forming part of a restaurateur's business is carried on operated by the holder of a permit for a local slaughterhouse, "general" category, may come from the permit holder's local slaughterhouse.

6.7.1.A.7. The holder of a local slaughterhouse permit must, at least 15 days before taking part at a market place, inform the Minister of the date and address of the market place.

6.7.1.A.8. The holder of a local slaughterhouse permit is prohibited, with respect to meat or meat products that the permit holder holds, from

(a) selling them wholesale;

(b) carrying on special trading under section 6.7.1.12;

(c) supplying a vending machine with them; and

(d) storing them elsewhere than in the permit holder's slaughterhouse, delicatessen plants or stall at a market place, or on premises or in a vehicle where the permit holder carries on an activity forming part of a restaurateur's business.

This section also applies, with the necessary modifications, to the permit holder who operates premises or a vehicle referred to in subparagraph *n* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act with respect to meat or meat products derived from animals slaughtered in the permit holder's local slaughterhouse.

6.7.1.A.9. The holder of a local slaughterhouse must comply with the slaughter schedule provided when the permit holder applied for the permit.

6.7.1.A.10. The holder of a local slaughterhouse permit must maintain a register in which the following information is entered, following the date on which animals are received:

(a) the name, address and telephone number of the seller of the animals or, if applicable, those of the person requiring slaughtering services for the person's personal consumption or of the farm producer;

(b) the number of animals slaughtered monthly, by species;

(c) the identification number of each animal subject to a regulation made under section 22.1 of the Animal Health Protection Act (chapter P-42).

The information referred to in subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph must be sent every month to the Minister.

The register must be kept at the local slaughterhouse for at least 1 year as of the date of the last entry.

6.7.1.A.11. In addition to the inscriptions provided for in section 3.3.3, the packaging of products prepared from animals slaughtered at a local slaughterhouse and sold at a stall at a market place must include the following notice: “NOTICE: derived from chickens not slaughtered under permanent inspection”.

6.7.1.A.12. A notice with the inscription “NOTICE: Meat and meat products sold here are derived from animals not slaughtered and processed under permanent inspection” must be installed and kept in public view in every delicatessen plant. Before the conclusion of a distance sale, the buyer must be informed that the meat and meat products on sale are derived from animals not slaughtered and processed under permanent inspection.

Where an activity forming part of a restaurateur’s business is carried on and meat or meat products derived from animals slaughtered in a local slaughterhouse, “general” category, are served, the inscription referred to in the first paragraph must be indicated on the menu or be brought to the consumer’s attention by any other means.

§6.7.1.B. *Special provisions applicable to farm producers requiring slaughtering services from a local slaughterhouse, “general” category*

6.7.1.B.1. A farm producer’s operation must be the subject of sanitary and preventative management by a veterinary surgeon at least twice a year.

The sanitary and preventative management report and any veterinary prescriptions must be kept on the raising site for a period of 2 years following the date of the veterinary surgeon’s visit.

6.7.1.B.2. A farm producer may send to slaughter a maximum of 5,000 kg of live animals, of all species, per year. The animals must have been in the farm producer’s possession for at least 1 month or, in the case of species whose raising time is lower, for at least 2 weeks.

In addition, the animals must not

(a) be cull animals, that is, animals raised for a purpose other than meat production, in particular for reproduction or the production of milk or eggs;

(b) be unable to stand or move about without assistance; or

(c) exhibit abnormal behaviour or an abnormal appearance.

6.7.1.B.3. The following information must be sent to the Minister and the operator of the local slaughterhouse within 7 days before the date of slaughter of the animals, using the sheet prescribed by the Minister:

(a) the farm producer’s name, address, telephone number and email address;

(b) the number of the permit authorizing the farm producer to operate premises or a vehicle in which food is prepared for retail sale or premises or a vehicle where an activity forming part of a restaurateur’s business is carried on;

(c) the name of the local slaughterhouse and the expected date of slaughter;

(d) the number of animals, per species, sent to the local slaughterhouse and the date of acquisition, if possession time is less than 1 month;

(e) the identification number of each animal subject to a regulation under section 22.1 of the Animal Health Protection Act (chapter P-42);

(f) the total live weight of the animals sent to the local slaughterhouse;

(g) the state of health of the herd, including that of the animals sent to the local slaughterhouse, and the contaminants to which they have been exposed and that constitute a risk to consumers’ health, if applicable;

(h) any medication or vaccine administered to the animals sent to the local slaughterhouse, and the medicine or vaccine withdrawal period, within 60 days before the date of slaughter;

(i) the date on which the sheet is completed.

The sheet must be signed by the farm producer. A copy of the sheet is kept on the raising site for a period of 1 year following the date of slaughter of the animals.

The Minister and the operator of the local slaughterhouse must be informed as soon as possible of any change to the information referred to in the first paragraph.

6.7.1.B.4. If an animal intended to be slaughtered in a local slaughterhouse, “general” category, is, within 7 days before the date of slaughter, declared fit for slaughter for human consumption by a veterinary surgeon or a person authorized following an *ante mortem* examination, the provisions of the first paragraph of section 6.7.1.B.2

relating to the possession period, subparagraph *a* of the second paragraph of that section and paragraphs *g* and *h* of section 6.7.1.B.3 do not apply.

The animal declared fit for slaughter must however be identifiable until its delivery to the local slaughterhouse and it must not be delivered to the slaughterhouse if its state no longer complies with the results of the *ante mortem* examination. In addition, the sheet provided for in section 6.7.1.B.3 must include the identification of the animal and the results of the *ante mortem* examination.

6.7.1.B.5. With respect to meat and meat products derived from animals slaughtered in a local slaughterhouse, a farm producer is prohibited from

- (a) selling them wholesale;
- (b) carrying on special trading under section 6.7.1.12;
- (c) supplying a vending machine; and
- (d) storing them elsewhere than on the farm producer's raising site or stall at a market place, or on premises or in a vehicle where the farm producer carries on an activity forming part of a restaurateur's business.

6.7.1.B.6. Subject to the farm producer holding the permit referred to in subparagraph *m* or *n* of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act, a farm producer may, from animals slaughtered in a local slaughterhouse, prepare meat and meat products only for the purpose of selling those preparations at retail on the farm producer's raising site or at a market place or serving the meat or meat products on the raising site where the farm producer carries on an activity forming part of a restaurateur's business.

The fourth paragraph and subparagraph *d* of the fifth paragraph of section 6.5.2.26, the second paragraph of section 6.5.2.27, the first paragraph and subparagraph *d* of the second paragraph of section 6.5.2.28 and the first paragraph of section 6.5.2.29 do not apply in those cases.

6.7.1.B.7. A farm producer must, at least 15 days before taking part at a market place, inform the Minister of the date and address of the market place.

6.7.1.B.8. In addition to the inscriptions provided for in section 3.3.3, the packaging of the products prepared from animals slaughtered in the local slaughterhouse must include the following notice: "NOTICE: derived from animals not slaughtered under permanent inspection".

6.7.1.B.9. Before the conclusion of a distance sale, the buyer must be informed that the meat and meat products sold are derived from animals not slaughtered and processed under permanent inspection.

Where an activity forming part of a restaurateur's business is carried on and meat or meat products derived from animals slaughtered in a local slaughterhouse are served, the information referred to in the first paragraph must be indicated on the menu or be brought to the consumer's attention by any other means."

28. Section 7.1.8 is amended by inserting " , 6.4.3.A.9" before "and 6.4.4.10," in the first paragraph.

29. Section 11.2.7 is replaced by the following:

"**11.2.7.** A robotic milking system must be installed in an area, hereinafter called "robotic milking system area", separate from the other areas of the dairy barn and that meets the requirements of paragraphs 1 and 5 to 8 of section 11.2.5 and, if applicable, the requirements of paragraphs 3 and 4 of that section, with the necessary modifications.

The area must also have a sink and all materials necessary for sanitary hand washing and drying.

The robotic milking system must be kept clean by means of automatic washing and sanitizing cycle."

30. Section 11.2.8 is amended

- (1) by replacing "premises" by "area";
- (2) by replacing "séparés" in the French text by "séparées".

31. Section 11.2.9 is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"In addition, no animal must have access to the robotic milking system area, except for milking."

32. This Regulation comes into force on the sixtieth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

Professional Code
(chapter C-26)

Physicians

— **Professional activities that may be engaged in by a member of the Ordre des technologues en imagerie médicale, en radio-oncologie et en électrophysiologie médicale du Québec**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in by a member of the Ordre des technologues en imagerie médicale, en radio-oncologie et en électrophysiologie médicale du Québec, as adopted by the board of directors of the Collège des médecins du Québec and appearing below, is published as a draft and may be examined by the Office des professions du Québec and submitted to the Government which may approve it, with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to determine, among the professional activities that may be engaged in by physicians, those which, pursuant to the terms and conditions set out in the Regulation, may be engaged in by a member of the Ordre des technologues en imagerie médicale, en radio-oncologie et en électrophysiologie médicale du Québec.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Fabienne Questel, advocate, Direction des affaires juridiques, Office des professions du Québec, 800, place D'Youville, 10^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5Z3; telephone: 418 643-6912 or 1 800 643-6912, extension 350; email: fabienne.questel@opq.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Jean Gagnon, secretary, Office des professions du Québec, 800, place D'Youville, 10^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5Z3; email: secretariat@opq.gouv.qc.ca. The comments may be forwarded by the Office to the Minister of Labour and may also be sent to the Collège des médecins du Québec and to interested persons, departments and bodies.

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Professional Code
(chapter C-26, s. 94, 1st par., subpar. h).

DIVISION I GENERAL

1. The purpose of this Regulation is to determine, among the professional activities that may be engaged in by physicians, those which, pursuant to the terms and conditions set out in the Regulation, may be engaged in by a member of the Ordre des technologues en imagerie médicale, en radio-oncologie et en électrophysiologie médicale du Québec, hereinafter called “the Order”.

2. In this Regulation, “institution” means an institution within the meaning of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system (chapter G-1.021), the Act respecting health services and social services for the Inuit and Naskapi (chapter S-4.2) or the Act respecting health services and social services for Cree Native persons (chapter S-5).

DIVISION II PERIPHERAL INSERTION OF A CENTRAL VENOUS CATHETER

3. A medical imaging technologist who holds a medical imaging technologist permit in the field of radiodiagnosis may perform the peripheral insertion of a central venous catheter that requires ultrasound or fluoroscopic guidance, according to an individual prescription, if a physician is present and ready to intervene in case of an emergency at the institution within which that professional activity is carried out.

4. To engage in the professional activity described in section 3, the medical imaging technologist must hold a training certificate issued by the Order confirming the successful completion of training comprising the following 2 modules:

(1) 50 hours of theoretical training on

(a) the anatomy of the vascular system and the deep and superficial venous system;

(b) the indications and contra-indications for peripheral insertion of a central venous catheter;

(c) the alternatives to the peripherally inserted central venous catheter technique;

(d) various vascular devices and their characteristics;

(e) the possible immediate complications during and after peripheral insertion of a central venous catheter;

(f) preventive measures;

(g) signs of respiratory distress and actions called for;

(h) preparation technique and catheter insertion procedure;

(i) catheter anchoring techniques;

(j) sterile disinfection;

(k) temporary bandage;

(l) indications and contra-indications for using an iodine contrast medium;

(m) actions required in case of an iodine allergy and in case of other reactions by the patient; and

(n) patient record documentation;

(2) clinical training supervised by an authorized professional and comprising

(a) the observation of the peripheral insertion of 25 central venous catheters; and

(b) the peripheral insertion of a minimum of 25 central venous catheters.

5. Before beginning the training contemplated in section 4, medical imaging technologists must complete 15 hours of ultrasound training covering the basic principles and technical parameters of ultrasound and surface ultrasound, in particular on locating deep veins in the arm, or demonstrate that they possess, given their experience, a level of knowledge and skills equivalent to that acquired by a medical imaging technologist who has completed that ultrasound training.

DIVISION III REMOVAL OF A CATHETER

6. A medical imaging technologist who holds a medical imaging technologist permit in the field of radiodiagnosis or in the field of medical sonography may remove a locked or unlocking drainage catheter, according to an individual prescription, if a physician is present and ready to intervene in case of an emergency at the institution within which that professional activity is carried out.

7. To engage in the professional activity described in section 6, a medical imaging technologist must, as the case may be, meet the following conditions:

(1) for the purposes of removing a catheter from a cavity, hold a training certificate issued by the Order confirming the successful completion of 8 hours of theoretical training on

(a) abscesses;

(b) the types of collections, drainage, drains and catheters;

(c) the stages of the intervention;

(d) the risks associated with the intervention;

(e) complications; and

(f) the responsibilities of the medical imaging technologist; and

(2) for the purposes of removing a catheter from a solid or hollow organ, hold a training certificate issued by the Order confirming the successful completion, in addition to the theoretical training provided for in paragraph 1, of clinical training supervised by a physician comprising

(a) the observation of the removal of 10 catheters inserted into an organ; and

(b) the removal of 15 catheters inserted into an organ, including 5 catheters inserted into a solid organ.

8. Before beginning the training contemplated in section 7, the medical imaging technologist must have at least 6 months of professional experience in the field of interventional imaging.

9. A medical imaging technologist who holds a certificate issued under paragraph 2 of section 7 is required to perform the removal of 15 catheters inserted into an organ each year.

DIVISION IV SEDATION-ANALGESIA

10. A medical imaging technologist or radiation oncology technologist may, in the course of a diagnostic or therapeutic intervention requiring sedation-analgesia, provide clinical monitoring of the condition of patients under sedation-analgesia, under the supervision of a physician.

At the post-intervention stage, that monitoring may be carried out without the physician being present, provided the physician remains present at the institution within which the monitoring is being provided.

11. To engage in the professional activity described in section 10, the medical imaging technologist or radiation oncology technologist must hold a training certificate issued by the Order confirming the successful completion of additional training comprising the following 2 modules:

- (1) 6 hours of theoretical training on
 - (a) the purpose and history of the sedation-analgesia;
 - (b) the roles and responsibilities of the participants;
 - (c) risk assessment;
 - (d) the equipment required for the procedure requiring sedation-analgesia;
 - (e) pharmacology refresher for the medications used;
 - (f) the evaluation before the procedure;
 - (g) clinical monitoring during the procedure;
 - (h) general and local anesthetics;
 - (i) vagal shock;
 - (j) monitoring after the procedure; and
 - (k) the criteria for discharge; and
- (2) clinical training supervised by an authorized professional comprising
 - (a) the observation of a minimum of 5 interventions in which the clinical monitoring of a patient under sedation-analgesia is necessary; and
 - (b) the performance of a minimum of 10 interventions in which the clinical monitoring of a patient under sedation-analgesia is necessary.

DIVISION V FINAL

12. This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting a professional activity that may be engaged in by a medical imaging technologist (chapter M-9, r. 11.01).

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

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