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Draft Regulation

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(chapter L-0.3)

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(2026, chapter 6)

Exception to the obligation to have one's face uncovered in certain places

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting the exception to the obligation to have one's face uncovered in certain places, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation provides that the exception to the obligation to have one's face uncovered provided for in subparagraph 3 of the sixth paragraph of section 8 of the Act respecting the laicity of the State (chapter L-0.3), amended by section 6 of the Act respecting the reinforcement of laicity in Québec (2026, chapter 6), applies to any place when it is used to hold events open to the public, such as ceremonies, conventions, or sporting or cultural events.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Lisa Marlène Ntibayindusha, director, Direction de la laïcité, Secrétariat à la réforme des institutions démocratiques, à l'accès à l'information et à la laïcité, Ministère du Conseil exécutif, 875, Grande Allée Est, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Y8; email: laicite@mce.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Lisa Marlène Ntibayindusha at the above contact information.

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Minister Responsible for Laicity

Regulation respecting the exception to the obligation to have one's face uncovered in certain places

Act respecting the laicity of the State
(chapter L-0.3, s. 8, 6th par., subpar. 3)

Act respecting the reinforcement of laicity in Québec
(2026, chapter 6, s. 6)

1. The exception to the obligation to have one's face uncovered provided for in subparagraph 3 of the sixth paragraph of section 8 of the Act respecting the laicity of the State (chapter L-0.3), amended by section 6 of the Act respecting the reinforcement of laicity in Québec (2026, chapter 6), applies to any place when it is used to hold events open to the public, such as ceremonies, conventions, or sporting or cultural events.

The exception applies to persons who, as part of the event being held, are in such a place or circulate in another place, such as an immovable or a room, under the authority of the body,

(1) to go to or from the leased place; or

(2) to get food or use sanitary facilities.

Despite the foregoing, the exception does not apply to persons who are in the exercise of their functions and who are either personnel members of the body or personnel members of a person or partnership obliged to exercise their functions with their face uncovered in accordance with a requirement of the body resulting from the application of the first paragraph of section 10 of the Act respecting the laicity of the State, amended by section 8 of the Act respecting the reinforcement of laicity in Québec.

2. This Regulation comes into force on 1 September 2026.

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Notice

Natural Heritage Conservation Act
(Chapter C-61.01)

Réserve naturelle du Bois-Martin
— Recognition

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 60 of the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (Chapter C-61.01), that the Minister of the Environment, the Fight against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks has recognized a private property located in the municipality of Sainte-Martine, in the regional county municipality of Beauharnois-Salaberry, known and designated as two parts of lot 6 656 969 of the Québec cadastre, Châteauguay registry division, as a nature reserve. This property covers an area of 5.59 hectares.

The recognition is given in perpetuity and takes effect as of the date of its registration in the land register. The Minister makes his decision public by publishing this notice in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Directeur principal du développement de la conservation

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