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PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC

2ND SESSION

43RD LEGISLATURE

Québec, 2 April 2026

Office of the Lieutenant-Governor

Québec, 2 April 2026

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

3 An Act to improve the transparency, governance and democratic process of various associations in the workplace

7 An Act to reduce bureaucracy, increase state efficiency and reinforce the accountability of senior public servants

9 An Act respecting the reinforcement of laicity in Québec

13 An Act to promote the population's safety and sense of security and to amend various provisions

15 An Act to amend the Professional Code and other provisions mainly to streamline the regulatory processes of the professional system and broaden certain professional practices in the field of health and social services

18 An Act to amend the voting criteria for electors outside Québec

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 3
(2026, chapter 4)

An Act to improve the transparency, governance and democratic process of various associations in the workplace

Introduced 30 October 2025
Passed in principle 4 December 2025
Passed 2 April 2026
Assented to 2 April 2026

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Act amends the Labour Code and the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry in order to prescribe various rules relating to the transparency, governance and democratic process of associations with respect to the employees they represent.

The Act provides that union dues deducted or deducted in advance by the employer include principal dues and optional dues. The Act specifies that the amount of the principal dues may not be established or modified unless it has been authorized by secret ballot by a majority vote of the members concerned who exercise their right to vote. It creates an obligation for certain associations to allow that vote as well as the vote to, among other things, authorize a strike or the signing of a collective agreement to be held over a period of at least 12 hours.

The Act provides that only optional dues may be used to finance the activities included in certain determined categories where those activities are financed by union dues. It states that where an association intends to ask for optional dues to be deducted or deducted in advance, it must present those dues to its members at least once a year, at a meeting. The association must also present to its members the portion relating to principal dues and the portion relating to optional dues that it intends to send to the union, federation or confederation with which it is affiliated or to which it belongs. In addition, the association must make available to every employee it represents, not later than the day of the presentation and for at least a year following the meeting, a document summarizing the contents of the presentation and informing them, in particular, of the procedure by which they may exercise their right to vote on the optional dues. The Act provides that the deduction or advance deduction of optional dues may not be made by the employer unless it has been authorized by a majority vote of the employees that the association represents and who exercise their right to vote during a secret ballot the holding of which is regulated, in particular, by the requirement that the vote be held over a period of at least 12 hours.

Furthermore, the Act sets out an obligation for certain associations to, at a meeting, present to their members their constitution or by-laws as well as any amendments to them and to have them approved, at intervals which must not exceed five years, by a majority

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of their members who exercise their right to vote. The Act specifies information that those associations must include in their constitution or by-laws, including information relating to the manner in which meetings are to be called and the quorum at meetings as well as the procedure for exercising a vote by secret ballot. In addition, information relating to the organization with which the association is affiliated or to which it belongs, to the committees or bodies established within the association and to the persons elected to an office within the association must be included in the association's constitution or by-laws.

The Act requires associations to prepare financial statements every year, to make them available to the employees they represent and to provide a copy of them free of charge to the employees who so request. It also provides that certain associations must present to their members, every year, financial statements subjected to verification requirements.

The Act also requires that associations produce every year a report on the use of their financial resources and that some of them present it to their members at a meeting. The Act determines the compulsory content of the report, which must include, in particular, the amount of the principal union dues and that of the optional union dues, the official expenses of each of the persons elected to an office within an association and their remuneration and other benefits they have received, certain expenses and any expenses made using optional dues. The Act creates an obligation for the associations to make the report available and to send it free of charge, on request, to the employees they represent.

The Act provides that contraventions to the new obligations it introduces are to be sanctioned by the application of penal provisions.

Lastly, the Act contains consequential amendments as well as transitional and final provisions.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

– Labour Code (chapter C-27);

– Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry (chapter R-20);

– Professional Syndicates Act (chapter S-40).

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Bill 3

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE TRANSPARENCY, GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESS OF VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS IN THE WORKPLACE

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

LABOUR CODE

1. The Labour Code (chapter C-27) is amended by inserting the following section after section 13:

"**13.1.** No person shall use intimidation or threats against an employee or, if applicable, a member who expresses himself during a meeting or vote held by the certified association representing him."

2. The Code is amended by inserting the following section after section 20.1:

"**20.1.1.** The amount of the principal union dues shall not be established or modified unless it has been authorized by secret ballot decided by a majority vote of the members of the certified association who are comprised in the bargaining unit and who exercise their right to vote."

3. The Code is amended by inserting the following sections after section 20.3:

"**20.3.1.** The notice calling a meeting being held by a certified association must state the date, time and place of the meeting. The notice must also state the agenda and be sent to each of the members.

"**20.3.2.** The certified association must allow a vote by secret ballot provided for in sections 20.1 to 20.3 to be held over a period of at least 12 hours.

"**20.3.3.** The constitution or by-laws of the certified association must provide the following information:

(1) the manner in which meetings are to be called;

(2) the procedure for exercising a vote by secret ballot;

(3) the quorum for meetings; and

(4) the terms and conditions for reviewing the constitution or by-laws.

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They must also provide, if applicable,

(1) the name of the union, federation or confederation, whose head office is situated in Québec, with which the association is affiliated or to which it belongs and a description of its structure;

(2) the names of the committees or bodies established within the association as well as a description of their composition and respective role;

(3) the number of persons elected to an office within the association, a description of the mandate of each of those persons and the duration of each mandate; and

(4) the procedure for informing employees of the names of the persons elected to an office within the association.

"**20.3.4.** The constitution or by-laws of the certified association and any amendments to them must be presented to the members at a meeting and be approved by a majority of the members who are comprised in the bargaining unit and who exercise their right to vote.

The constitution or by-laws must be reviewed and, if applicable, amended in accordance with the first paragraph at the intervals provided for by the constitution or by-laws, which must not exceed a period of five years.

Despite the first paragraph, the certified association may make amendments to its constitution or by-laws in order to comply with the second paragraph of section 20.3.3 and to correct clerical errors or errors of form, expression or calculation."

4. Section 20.4 of the Code is amended by replacing "section 20.2 or 20.3" by "sections 20.1.1 to 20.3.4".

5. Section 20.5 of the Code is amended by replacing "20.3" by "20.3.4".

6. Section 47 of the Code is amended by inserting ", which includes the amount of the principal dues and, if applicable, the amount of the optional dues" at the end of the first paragraph.

7. The Code is amended by inserting the following sections after section 47:

"**47.0.1.** Where they are financed by union dues, the activities of a certified association or of a union, federation or confederation with which a certified association is affiliated or to which it belongs, included in the following categories, must be financed exclusively by optional dues:

(1) any contestation, in a civil, administrative, penal or criminal case, of the operability, constitutionality or validity of a provision of an Act, a regulation, a government order or a ministerial order or any contribution to such a

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contestation, including a contribution made prior to such a contestation, except where the contestation is made as part of representing an employee in connection with the application of the employee's collective agreement or document in lieu thereof or where the contestation is invoked as a defence; and

(2) any advertising campaign, excluding a campaign intended for members, or any participation in a social movement, where the advertising campaign or social movement concerns, in whole or in part, a subject that is political and partisan in nature, a case referred to in subparagraph 1 or a subject that is unrelated to conditions of employment or to the represented employees' collective agreement or document in lieu thereof.

Subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph does not apply to contributions for charitable purposes nor to the activities of a certified association or of a union, federation or confederation with which a certified association is affiliated or to which it belongs that concern its rights or obligations in connection with its formation or management.

If they are financed by union dues, all expenditures related to the carrying out of an activity referred to in subparagraph 1 or 2 of the first paragraph, including, in particular, salaries, professional services fees, accommodation, travel or meal expenses or any other related expenses, must be financed by optional dues.

"**47.0.2.** A certified association must present to its members, at least once a year at a meeting,

(1) the amount of the optional union dues it wishes to include in the amount of the union dues it specifies to the employer as well as the portion of the amount of the optional dues it intends to allocate to each of the two categories of activities referred to in subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the first paragraph of section 47.0.1 that it identifies; and

(2) the amount of the union dues it intends to send to the union, federation or confederation with which it is affiliated or to which it belongs, identifying the portion relating to the principal dues and the portion relating to the optional dues.

Not later than the day of the meeting and for at least one year following the meeting, the certified association must make available, on its website or by any other appropriate means, to the employees comprised in the bargaining unit it represents, a document summarizing the content of the presentation and informing them of the procedure by which they may exercise their right to vote on the optional dues and of the time at which the vote is to be held. Employees who wish to avail themselves of their right to vote must send to the certified association of the bargaining unit representing them the information necessary for the exercise of their right to vote.

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"**47.0.3.** A certified association may include optional dues in the amount of the union dues it specifies to the employer for the purposes of the amount to be withheld from the salary of every employee under section 47.

The amount of the optional dues must be authorized, at least once a year, by secret ballot, by a majority vote of the employees who are comprised in the bargaining unit and who exercise their right to vote.

The ballot is to be held within 30 days following the presentation made to the members under section 47.0.2. Employees must be given a period of at least 12 hours to exercise their right to vote.

The decision made by a majority of the employees in accordance with this section takes effect on the day on which the presentation provided for in section 47.0.2 was held and applies to all of the employees comprised in the bargaining unit, regardless of their hiring date.

"**47.0.4.** A certified association and a union, federation or confederation with which a certified association is affiliated or to which it belongs are prohibited from making an expenditure using principal union dues for an activity referred to in section 47.0.1.

"**47.0.5.** Failure to comply with sections 47.0.1 to 47.0.4 shall give rise to the application of Chapter IX only."

8. Section 47.1 of the Code is replaced by the following sections:

"**47.1.** A certified association must, every year, prepare its financial statements and present them to its members at a meeting.

A certified association to which an amount of $250,000 to $500,000 is remitted annually as union dues must submit its financial statements to a review engagement and a certified association to which an amount of more than $500,000 is remitted annually as union dues must submit its financial statements to an audit engagement. Those associations must also prepare their financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

A certified association must provide a copy of its financial statements free of charge to any employee comprised in the bargaining unit the association represents who so requests. It must also make the financial statements available free of charge on its website or by any other appropriate means to every employee comprised in the bargaining unit it represents.

A union, federation or confederation with which a certified association is affiliated or to which it belongs must, every year, prepare its financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and submit them to an audit engagement. The union, federation or confederation must also provide a copy of its financial statements free of charge to an employee who so requests and who is a member of the certified association that is affiliated

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with it or belongs to it and must make the financial statements available free of charge on its website or by any other appropriate means to every employee comprised in the bargaining unit of the certified association that is affiliated with it or belongs to it.

"**47.1.1.** A certified association must, every fiscal year, produce and present to its members, at a meeting, a report on the use of its financial resources for the preceding fiscal year stating, if applicable,

(1) the amount of the principal union dues and, if applicable, the amount of the optional union dues deducted from the salary of the employees as well as any amount deducted for a determined purpose and duration, whether that amount is in the nature of principal or optional dues;

(2) the amount that is remitted annually to the association as union dues for the purposes of the third paragraph of section 47 as well as the amount sent as dues to the union, federation or confederation with which the association is affiliated or to which it belongs as well as the portion of that amount that relates to the optional dues, if applicable;

(3) the name and title of each of the persons elected to an office within the association and those of the non-elected person exercising the highest authority within the association as well as the remuneration that has been paid to them by the association and the other benefits they have received;

(4) the total expenses borne by the association, including accommodation, travel and meal expenses

(*a*) for each of the persons elected to an office within the association and for the non-elected person exercising the highest authority within the association, and

(*b*) for all of the other persons for whom such expenses were paid;

(5) a summary of the activities financed by the optional dues and a breakdown of the associated expenses;

(6) a list of the expenses, other than those referred to in subparagraphs 4 and 5, which mentions the object of each of them, in the case of

(*a*) expenses exceeding $5,000 made by a certified association to which an amount of $500,000 or less is remitted annually as union dues,

(*b*) expenses exceeding $10,000 made by a certified association to which an amount of more than $500,000 is remitted annually as union dues, and

(*c*) expenses exceeding $25,000 made by a union, federation or confederation; and

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(7) any other information that the certified association considers useful to its members.

A copy of the report must be sent free of charge to any employee comprised in the bargaining unit the certified association represents who so requests. The certified association must also make the report available free of charge on its website or by any other appropriate means to every employee comprised in the bargaining unit it represents.

A union, federation or confederation with which an association is affiliated or to which it belongs must, every fiscal year, produce a report on the use of its financial resources for the preceding fiscal year. A copy of the report must be sent free of charge to any employee who is a member of such an association and who so requests. The report must also be made available free of charge on the website of the union, federation or confederation or by any other appropriate means to every employee comprised in the bargaining unit of the certified association that is affiliated with it or belongs to it.

"**47.1.2.** Failure to comply with sections 47.1 and 47.1.1 shall give rise to the application of Chapter IX only.

"**47.1.3.** Each year during the presentation referred to in section 47.1, the certified association makes its financial statements public if so authorized by a majority vote of the members of the certified association who are comprised in the bargaining unit and who exercise their right to vote.

The union, federation or confederation with which the certified association is affiliated or to which it belongs decides, each year, whether it is advisable to make its financial statements public."

9. The Code is amended by inserting the following section after section 143:

"**143.0.1.** Any person who contravenes section 13.1 is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of $2,500 to $25,000 for each day or part of a day during which the offence continues."

10. The Code is amended by inserting the following section after section 146:

"**147.** Any credited association, union, federation or confederation that contravenes section 47.0.4 is liable to a fine of $5,000 to $50,000."

11. Section 148 of the Code is amended

(1) by replacing "a provision of section 20.2 or 20.3" by "any of the provisions of sections 20.1.1 to 20.3.4, 47.1 or 47.1.1";

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

"Penal proceedings for an offence under a provision of sections 47.0.1 to 47.0.4, instituted in accordance with article 10 of the Code of Penal Procedure, may be instituted only by an employee included in the bargaining unit of the certified association."

ACT RESPECTING LABOUR RELATIONS, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

12. Section 38 of the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry (chapter R-20) is amended by inserting ", which shall include the amount of the principal assessment and, if applicable, the amount of the optional assessment," after "union assessment".

13. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 38:

"**38.1.** Where they are financed by union assessments, the activities of an association contemplated in subparagraph *a* or *b* of the first paragraph of section 1, an association of employees affiliated with a representative association, the Centrale des syndicats démocratiques (CSD), the Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN) or the Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ), included in the following categories, must be financed exclusively by optional assessments:

(1) any contestation, in a civil, administrative, penal or criminal case, of the operability, constitutionality or validity of a provision of an Act, a regulation, a government order or a ministerial order or any contribution to such a contestation, including a contribution made prior to such a contestation, except where the contestation is made as part of representing an employee in connection with the application of the employee's collective agreement or document in lieu thereof or where the contestation is invoked as a defence; and

(2) any advertising campaign, excluding a campaign intended for members, or any participation in a social movement, where the advertising campaign or the social movement concerns, in whole or in part, a subject that is political and partisan in nature, a case referred to in subparagraph 1 or a subject that is unrelated to conditions of employment or to the represented employees' collective agreement or document in lieu therof.

Subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph does not apply to contributions for charitable purposes nor to the activities of an association contemplated in subparagraph *a* or *b* of the first paragraph of section 1 or of an association of employees affiliated with a representative association that concern its rights or obligations related to its formation or management.

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If they are financed by union assessments, all expenditures related to the carrying out of an activity referred to in subparagraph 1 or 2 of the first paragraph, including, in particular, salaries, professional services fees, accommodation, travel or meal expenses or any other related expenses, must be financed by optional assessments.

"**38.2.** An association contemplated in subparagraph *a* or *b* of the first paragraph of section 1 or an association of employees affiliated with a representative association must present to its members, at least once a year at a meeting,

(1) the amount of the optional assessment it wishes to include in the amount of the union assessment as well as the portion of the optional assessment it intends to allocate to each of the two categories of activities referred to in subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the first paragraph of section 38.1 that it identifies; and

(2) the amount of the union assessments it intends to send, if applicable, to the representative association with which it is affiliated, the Centrale des syndicats démocratiques (CSD), the Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN) or the Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ), identifying the portion relating to the principal assessment and the portion relating to the optional assessment.

Not later than the day of the meeting and for at least one year following the meeting, the association must make available to its members, on its website or by any other appropriate means, a document summarizing the content of the presentation and informing them of the procedure by which they may exercise their right to vote on the optional assessment and of the time at which the vote is to be held.

"**38.3.** An association contemplated in subparagraph *a* or *b* of the first paragraph of section 1 or an association of employees affiliated with a representative association may include an optional assessment in the amount of the assessment it indicates to the employer for the purposes of the amount to be deducted in advance from the salary of every employee under section 38.

The amount of the optional assessment must be authorized, at least once a year, by secret ballot, by a majority of the members who exercise their right to vote.

The ballot is to be held within 30 days following the presentation provided for in the second paragraph of section 38.2. Members must be given a period of at least 12 hours to exercise their right to vote.

The decision made by a majority of the members in accordance with this section takes effect on the day on which the presentation provided for in section 38.2 was held and applies to all of the employees, regardless of their hiring date."

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14. Section 93.1 of the Act is amended by replacing "Such associations are required to" in the second paragraph by "Subject to section 93.1.1, such associations must".

15. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 93.1:

"**93.1.1.** An association contemplated in subparagraph *a* or *b* of the first paragraph of section 1 and an association of employees affiliated with a representative association must, every year, prepare their financial statements and present them to their members at a meeting.

Such an association to which an amount of $250,000 to $500,000 is remitted annually as union assessments must submit its financial statements to a review engagement and such an association to which an amount of more than $500,000 is remitted annually as union assessments must submit its financial statements to an audit engagement. Those associations must also prepare their financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Such an association must also provide a copy of its financial statements free of charge to any member who so requests and must make the financial statements available to every member free of charge on its website or by any other appropriate means.

The Centrale des syndicats démocratiques (CSD), the Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN) and the Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ) must, every year, prepare their financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and submit them to an audit engagement. They must also provide on request a copy of their financial statements free of charge to any member of a representative association affiliated with them or belonging to them and, if applicable, to any member of an association of employees affiliated with that representative association as well as make the financial statements available free of charge on their website or by any other appropriate means to every member of those associations.

"**93.1.2.** A representative association and an association of employees affiliated with such an association must, every fiscal year, produce and present to their members at a meeting a report on the use of their financial resources for the preceding fiscal year stating, if applicable,

(1) the amount of the principal assessment and, if applicable, the amount of the optional assessment deducted in advance from the salary of employees as well as any other amount deducted for a determined purpose and duration, whether that amount is in the nature of a principal or optional assessment;

(2) the amount that is remitted annually to the association as union assessments for the purposes of the second paragraph of section 93.1.1 as well as the amount sent as assessments to the union, federation or confederation with which the association is affiliated or to which it belongs as well as the portion of that amount that relates to the optional assessment, if applicable;

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(3) the name and title of each of the persons elected to an office within the association and those of the non-elected person exercising the highest authority within the association as well as the remuneration that has been paid to them by the association and the other benefits they have received;

(4) the total expenses borne by the association, including accommodation, travel and meal expenses

(*a*) for each of the persons elected to an office within the association and for the non-elected person exercising the highest authority within the association, and

(*b*) for all of the other persons for whom such expenses were paid;

(5) a summary of the activities financed by the optional assessments and a breakdown of the associated expenses;

(6) a list of the expenses, other than those referred to in subparagraphs 4 and 5, which mentions the object of each of them, in the case of

(*a*) expenses exceeding $5,000 made by a representative association and an association of employees affiliated with such an association that is remitted annually an amount of $500,000 or less as assessments,

(*b*) expenses exceeding $10,000 made by a representative association and an association of employees affiliated with such an association that is remitted annually an amount of more than $500,000 as assessments, and

(*c*) expenses exceeding $25,000 made by a union, federation or confederation; and

(7) any other information that the association considers useful to its members.

A copy of the report must be sent free of charge to any member who so requests.

The Centrale des syndicats démocratiques (CSD), the Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN) and the Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ) must, every fiscal year, produce a report on the use of their financial resources for the preceding fiscal year. They must also make a copy available free of charge on their website or by any other appropriate means to the members of the representative associations affiliated with them or belonging to them and, if applicable, to the associations of employees affiliated with those representative associations.

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"**93.1.3.** Each year during the presentation of the financial statements referred to in section 93.1.1, an association referred to in subparagraph *a* or *b* of the first paragraph of section 1 and an asssociation of employees affiliated with a representative association make their financial statements public if so authorized by a majortiy vote of their members who exercise their right to vote.

An association referred to in the fourth paragraph of section 93.1.1 decides, each year, whether it is advisable to make its financial statements public."

16. Section 96 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "the fixing" in paragraph *a* by "establishing or modifying";

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"(*f*) the procedure for exercising a vote by secret ballot must be provided therein;

"(*g*) the terms and conditions, including the frequency, for reviewing the constitution or constituting contract must be provided therein; and

"(*h*) the quorum for meetings must be provided therein.

The constitution or constituting contract must also state, if applicable,

(*a*) the name of the union, federation or confederation, whose head office is situated in Québec, with which the association is affiliated or to which it belongs as well as a description of its structure;

(*b*) the names of the committees or bodies established within the union or the group of employees as well as a summary description of their composition and respective role;

(*c*) the number of persons elected to an office within the union or the group of employees, a description of the mandate of each of those persons and the duration of each mandate; and

(*d*) the procedure for informing employees of the names of the persons elected to an office within the association."

17. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 96:

"**97.** The constitution of a professional union representing construction employees as well as any constituting contract of a group of construction employees not constituted as a legal person and any amendments to them must be presented to the members, at a meeting, and be approved by a majority of the members who exercise their right to vote.

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The constitution or constituting contract must be revised and, if applicable, amended in accordance with the first paragraph at the intervals provided for therein, which must not exceed a period of five years.

Despite the first paragraph, amendments to the constitution or the constituting contract may be made in order to comply with the obligations provided for in the second paragraph of section 96 and to correct clerical errors or errors of form, expression or calculation.

"**97.1.** A professional union representing construction employees and a group of construction employees not constituted as a legal person must allow a vote by secret ballot for the election of persons to a management position, for a strike, for the approval or rejection of a draft collective agreement as well as for the principal union assessment to be held over a period of at least 12 hours.

"**97.2.** The amount of the principal union assessment shall not be established or modified unless it has been authorized, by secret ballot, by a majority vote of the members who exercise their right to vote.

"**97.3.** The notice calling a meeting must state the date, time and place of the meeting. The notice must also state the agenda and be sent to each of the members."

18. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 113.4:

"**114.** An association contemplated in subparagraph *a* or *b* of the first paragraph of section 1, an association of employees affiliated with a representative association, the Centrale des syndicats démocratiques (CSD), the Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN) and the Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ) are prohibited from making an expenditure using principal assessments for an activity referred to in section 38.1.

Any contravention of the first paragraph renders its author liable to a fine of $5,000 to $50,000."

PROFESSIONAL SYNDICATES ACT

19. Section 29 of the Professional Syndicates Act (chapter S-40) is amended by inserting "except those of the Labour Code (chapter C-27) and the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry (chapter R-20)," after "Notwithstanding any contrary legislative provision,".

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

20. The rules relating to financial statements that are set out in section 47.1 of the Labour Code (chapter C-27), enacted by section 8 of this Act, in section 93.1 of the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry (chapter R-20), amended

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by section 14 of this Act, and in section 93.1.1 of the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry, enacted by section 15 of this Act, apply from the fiscal year following the fiscal year in progress on 2 April 2026.

21. The rules relating to the report on the use of financial resources that are set out in section 47.1.1 of the Labour Code (chapter C-27), enacted by section 8 of this Act, and in section 93.1.2 of the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry (chapter R-20), enacted by section 15 of this Act, apply, for the first time, from the fiscal year following the fiscal year in progress on 2 April 2026. However, the period covered by that first report must begin on that date.

22. From 2 April 2026, any dues deducted under section 47 of the Labour Code (chapter C-27), amended by section 6 of this Act, or assessments deducted in advance under section 38 of the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry (chapter R-20), amended by section 12 of this Act, are considered to be principal dues or assessments established in accordance with section 20.1.1 of the Labour Code, enacted by section 2 of this Act, or with section 97.3 of the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry, enacted by section 17 of this Act, as long as no deduction of optional dues or assessments has been authorized in accordance with section 47.0.3 of the Labour Code, enacted by section 7 of this Act, or with section 38.3 of the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry, enacted by section 13 of this Act.

23. The rules relating to the vote provided for in section 20.1.1 of the Labour Code (chapter C-27), enacted by section 2 of this Act, and those of section 97.3 of the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry (chapter R-20), enacted by section 17 of this Act, do not apply where a first vote on the optional dues or assessments is held in accordance with the provisions of section 47.0.3 of the Labour Code, enacted by section 7 of this Act, or with those of section 38.3 of the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry, enacted by section 13 of this Act, and the resulting amount deducted or deducted in advance by the employer remains the same as the amount deducted or deducted in advance from the salary of employees on 1 April 2026. In such a case, the amount of the principal dues or assessments corresponds to the difference between the amount deducted or deducted in advance on that date and the amount of such optional dues or assessments.

24. Not later than nine months after 2 April 2026, every certified association, every representative association or, where applicable, every association of employees affiliated with a representative association and every union, federation and confederation with which a certified association or a representative association is affiliated or to which it belongs must make available to the represented employees, on their website or by any other appropriate means, a

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document presenting the amount of the union dues or assessments they held on 1 April 2026 and, where applicable, the portion of that amount that they allocate to the financing of each of the two categories of activities referred to in subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the first paragraph of section 47.0.1 of the Labour Code (chapter C-27), enacted by section 7 of this Act, or in subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the first paragraph of section 38.1 of the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry (chapter R-20), enacted by section 13 of this Act, that they identify.

The union dues or assessments may be used, until they are exhausted, in accordance with the rules applicable on 1 April 2026.

However, where the union dues or assessments are used for the purpose of financing the identified categories, the annual report on the use of the financial resources must include a summary of the activities financed and a breakdown of the associated expenses, until the dues or assessments are exhausted.

25. Until 2 October 2026, any principal dues or assessments may be used for the purpose of financing activities referred to in subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the first paragraph of section 47.0.1 of the Labour Code (chapter C-27), enacted by section 7 of this Act, or in subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the first paragraph of section 38.1 of the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry (chapter R-20), enacted by section 13 of this Act.

26. On the expiry of the period referred to in section 25 of this Act and subject to the second paragraph of section 24 of this Act, the financing of an activity referred to in subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the first paragraph of section 47.0.1 of the Labour Code (chapter C-27), enacted by section 7 of this Act, or in subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the first paragraph of section 38.1 of the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry (chapter R-20), enacted by section 13 of this Act, may, if the financing was already in progress on 1 April 2026, be continued using principal dues or assessments in accordance with the rules applicable under section 25, but must end not later than, as applicable,

(1) the date of the judgment or the decision terminating the proceeding in progress, regardless of whether the judgment or decision has become final, or the date of the act terminating the proceeding in progress; or

(2) the date of termination of the contract or agreement, where an activity is carried on under that contract or agreement and that contract or agreement provides for a date of termination.

The financing through the use of principal dues or assessments of any activity carried on under a contract or agreement in progress on 1 April 2026 and that does not provide for a date of termination ends on 2 October 2026.

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27. Any association of employees, representative association or association of employees affiliated with the representative association, or union, federation or confederation with which a certified association or a representative association is affiliated or to which it belongs that contravenes a provision of section 21, 24 or 26 of this Act is liable to a fine of $1,500 to $7,500.

28. The provisions of this Act come into force on 2 April 2026, except those of section 3 insofar as they enact sections 20.3.3 and 20.3.4 of the Labour Code (chapter C-27), those of section 7 insofar as they enact section 47.0.4 of the Labour Code, those of section 16, those of section 17 insofar as they enact section 97 of the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry (chapter R-20) and those of section 18, which come into force on 2 October 2026.

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

SECOND SESSION FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 7
(2026, chapter 5)

An Act to reduce bureaucracy, increase state efficiency and reinforce the accountability of senior public servants

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Act includes various measures enabling a reorganization of the State's structures and activities, the easing of processes and the mutualization of resources as well as the reinforcement of senior public servants' accountability.

The Act amalgamates the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux and the Institut national de santé publique du Québec into a single institute called the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec, subject to the transfer of certain functions to Santé Québec. The Act provides that Urgences-santé's board of directors is formed of members of Santé Québec's board of directors, other than the president and chief executive officer of Santé Québec.

The Act abolishes the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial. It integrates the activities of the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse into those of the Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie and revises the internal organization of the Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse.

The Act provides that the Centre de la francophonie des Amériques is to be continued as a non-profit legal person governed by the Companies Act and entrusts functions with respect to the Canadian Francophonie to the Minister of the French Language.

Under the Act, the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale is abolished and the management and administration of the parental insurance plan as well as the administration of the Parental Insurance Fund are transferred to Retraite Québec.

The Act provides for the tabling by the Minister of Finance, in the Budget Speech, of a comprehensive financial framework for the fight against climate change. The Act also allows the Government to determine, out of the surpluses of the Fund, the amounts the Minister of Finance transfers into the Generations Fund and into the Land Transportation Network Fund.

The Act abolishes the Information Technologies Fund of the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale and the University Excellence and Performance Fund, and their assets and liabilities are transferred to the Consolidated Revenue Fund. Under the Act,

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the Assistance Fund for Independent Community Action and the Québec Fund for Social Initiatives are amalgamated into a single fund called the Québec Fund for Social Initiatives and Community Action.

The Act abolishes the Commission de la fonction publique and transfers its functions to the Administrative Labour Tribunal.

The Act entrusts certain bodies with the responsibility for providing administrative services for another body, in particular Santé Québec for Urgences-santé and the Administrative Tribunal of Québec for the Financial Markets Administrative Tribunal.

The Act reduces the number of vice-presidents of the Régie des marchés agricoles et alimentaires du Québec and the number of Régie members required to decide certain matters brought before it.

Under the Act, the Government is entrusted with appointing the vice-presidents of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec and with fixing their remuneration, employment benefits and other conditions of employment. The Act provides that the administrative management of the president and chief executive officer of Hydro-Québec, that of the Commission de la construction du Québec and that of certain other enterprises must be discussed at least once every four years before the competent parliamentary committee of the National Assembly.

The Act states that the administrator of state contributes to the accomplishment of the State's mission and to the proper administration of the State, regardless of any partisan political considerations, with full accountability and with prudence, diligence, efficiency and fairness. It also establishes a probationary period of two years for any person who acquires the classification of administrator of state. It provides that the Government may, during the probationary period, dismiss, without other formality than fifteen day's prior notice in writing, an administrator of state who was not a public servant with permanent tenure at the time of appointment. It also increases to two years the duration of the probationary period that any person recruited as a public servant must undergo.

The Act withdraws the requirement for renewal of the authorizations to contract provided for by the Act respecting contracting by public bodies. The Act provides that the contracts of the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales and those related to

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procurements by the Centre for the benefit of certain groups of public bodies are to be subject to the same conditions as those applicable to government enterprises.

The Act enables the amalgamation of housing bureaus and allows the Government to constitute housing bureaus for any territory it designates. The Act puts an end to the joint management of contributions paid to the Société d'habitation du Québec by the bodies receiving financial assistance.

The Act reduces the frequency of certain reports and removes the requirement to produce various documents, in particular reports in the financial sector. The Act sets out the requirement that the Autorité des marchés financiers make certain data and certain analyses available online. The Act also contains miscellaneous measures concerning, in particular, the sustainable development strategy, the Chief Forester, pay equity and pilot projects in the field of education.

Lastly, the Act provides that the personnel of the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse are appointed in accordance with the Public Service Act. It states that the Access to Justice Fund is also dedicated to financing the Commission des services juridiques and that, in particular, certain sums from the fund for legal studies and the notarial studies fund are credited to the Access to Justice Fund.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

– Act respecting industrial accidents and occupational diseases (chapter A-3.001);

– Act respecting the accreditation and financing of students' associations (chapter A-3.01);

– Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001);

– Tax Administration Act (chapter A-6.002);

– Public Administration Act (chapter A-6.01);

– Credit Assessment Agents Act (chapter A-8.2);

– Sustainable Forest Development Act (chapter A-18.1);

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– Automobile Insurance Act (chapter A-25);

– Health Insurance Act (chapter A-29);

– Act respecting parental insurance (chapter A-29.011);

– Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1);

– Act respecting the Barreau du Québec (chapter B-1);

– Act respecting the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (chapter C-7.01);

– Charter of the French language (chapter C-11);

– Charter of human rights and freedoms (chapter C-12);

– Labour Code (chapter C-27);

– General and Vocational Colleges Act (chapter C-29);

– Act respecting contracting by public bodies (chapter C-65.1);

– Act respecting financial services cooperatives (chapter C-67.3);

– Real Estate Brokerage Act (chapter C-73.2);

– Sustainable Development Act (chapter D-8.1.1);

– Act respecting the Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions (chapter D-9.1.1);

– Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services (chapter D-9.2);

– Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (chapter E-6.1);

– Money-Services Businesses Act (chapter E-12.000001);

– Pay Equity Act (chapter E-12.001);

– Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1);

– Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises (chapter G-1.02);

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– Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system (chapter G-1.021);

– Act respecting the governance and management of the information resources of public bodies and government enterprises (chapter G-1.03);

– Act respecting Héma-Québec and the biovigilance committee (chapter H-1.1);

– Hydro-Québec Act (chapter H-5);

– Act respecting the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux (chapter I-13.03);

– Education Act (chapter I-13.3);

– Derivatives Act (chapter I-14.01);

– Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3);

– Act respecting medical laboratories and organ and tissue conservation (chapter L-0.2);

– Act respecting the laicity of the State (chapter L-0.3);

– Act respecting academic freedom in the university sector (chapter L-1.2);

– Anti-Corruption Act (chapter L-6.1);

– Act to combat poverty and social exclusion (chapter L-7);

– Act respecting the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale and the Commission des partenaires du marché du travail (chapter M-15.001);

– Act respecting the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie (chapter M-15.1.0.1);

– Act respecting the Ministère de la Justice (chapter M-19);

– Act respecting the Ministère des Finances (chapter M-24.01);

– Act respecting the Ministère des Relations internationales (chapter M-25.1.1);

– Act respecting the Ministère des Transports (chapter M-28);

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– Act respecting the Ministère du Conseil exécutif (chapter M-30);

– Act respecting the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs (chapter M-30.001);

– Act respecting the marketing of agricultural, food and fish products (chapter M-35.1);

– Act respecting the negotiation and determination of conditions of employment requiring national coordination in particular in the public and parapublic sectors (chapter N-0.1);

– Act respecting labour standards (chapter N-1.1);

– Notaries Act (chapter N-3);

– Act respecting the Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse (chapter O-5.01);

– Act respecting the sharing of certain health information (chapter P-9.0001);

– Police Act (chapter P-13.1);

– Act respecting the process for determining the remuneration of criminal and penal prosecuting attorneys and respecting their collective bargaining plan (chapter P-27.1);

– Act respecting the Health and Social Services Ombudsman (chapter P-31.1);

– Public Protector Act (chapter P-32);

– Act respecting the National Student Ombudsman (chapter P-32.01);

– Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2);

– Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (chapter R-6.01);

– Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (chapter R-10);

– Act respecting the Civil Service Superannuation Plan (chapter R-12);

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– Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel (chapter R-12.1);

– Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry (chapter R-20);

– Act respecting health and social services information (chapter R-22.1);

– Act respecting the representation of family-type resources and certain intermediate resources and the negotiation process for their group agreements (chapter R-24.0.2);

– Act respecting the Réseau structurant de transport en commun de la Ville de Québec (chapter R-25.03);

– Act respecting Retraite Québec (chapter R-26.3);

– Act respecting occupational health and safety (chapter S-2.1);

– Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2);

– Act respecting safety in recreation and sports (chapter S-3.1);

– Act respecting pre-hospital emergency services (chapter S-6.2);

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

– Act respecting the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (chapter S-11.011);

– Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec (chapter S-13);

– Trust Companies and Savings Companies Act (chapter S-29.02);

– Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1);

– Act to establish the Administrative Labour Tribunal (chapter T-15.1);

– Securities Act (chapter V-1.1);

– Auditor General Act (chapter V-5.01);

– Act to amend mainly the Highway Safety Code to introduce provisions relating to detection systems and other highway safety-related provisions (2024, chapter 10).

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LEGISLATION REPEALED BY THIS ACT:

– Act respecting the Centre de la francophonie des Amériques (chapter C-7.1);

– Act respecting the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial (chapter C-32.2);

– Act respecting Institut national de santé publique du Québec (chapter I-13.1.1);

– Act to establish the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse (chapter O-5.2).

REGULATIONS AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

– Décret sur l'identification visuelle du gouvernement du Québec et sa signature gouvernementale (chapter A-6.01, r. 3.2, French only);

– Regulation under section 108 of the Act to amend the Act respecting parental insurance and other legislative provisions (chapter A-29.011, r. 1);

– Regulation under the Act respecting parental insurance (chapter A-29.011, r. 2);

– Regulation respecting certain transitional measures relating to the calculation of average insurable earnings and to the earnings threshold for the purposes of parental insurance (chapter A-29.011, r. 4);

– Regulation respecting the committee on training of hearing-aid acousticians (chapter A-33, r. 5);

– Regulation respecting the committee on training of dental hygienists (chapter C-26, r. 142);

– Regulation respecting the committee on training of inhalotherapists (chapter C-26, r. 169);

– Regulation respecting the committee on training of dental prosthesis and appliance technologists (chapter C-26, r. 228);

– Regulation respecting the committee on training of medical technologists (chapter C-26, r. 245);

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– Règlement sur la formation continue obligatoire des technologistes médicaux du Québec (chapter C-26, r. 249, French only);

– Regulation respecting the committee on training of professional technologists (chapter C-26, r. 260);

– College Education Regulations (chapter C-29, r. 4);

– Regulation respecting supply contracts, service contracts and construction contracts of bodies referred to in section 7 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies (chapter C-65.1, r. 1.1);

– Regulation respecting certain supply contracts of public bodies (chapter C-65.1, r. 2);

– Regulation respecting contracting by public bodies in the field of information technologies (chapter C-65.1, r. 5.1);

– Regulation to determine the fees payable by enterprises under Chapter V.1 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies relating to the integrity of enterprises and the amounts of the monetary administrative penalties that may be imposed by the Autorité des marchés publics (chapter C-65.1, r. 7.1.1);

– Regulation respecting certain conditions governing the application of Chapter V.1 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies with respect to the integrity of enterprises (chapter C-65.1, r. 7.4);

– Regulation respecting the committee on training of denturologists (chapter D-4, r. 7);

– Regulation respecting an appeals procedure for public servants not governed by a collective agreement (chapter F-3.1.1, r. 5);

– Bingo Rules (chapter L-6, r. 5);

– Regulation respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in within the framework of pre-hospital emergency services and care (chapter M-9, r. 2.1);

– Regulation respecting the ethics and professional conduct of public office holders (chapter M-30, r. 1);

– Regulation respecting the committee on training of dispensing opticians (chapter O-6, r. 5);

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– Regulation respecting the application of the Act respecting the sharing of certain health information (chapter P-9.0001, r. 0.1);

– Regulation respecting access authorizations and the duration of use of information held in a health information bank in a clinical domain (chapter P-9.0001, r. 1);

– Regulation respecting joint sector-based associations on occupational health and safety (chapter S-2.1, r. 2);

– Regulation respecting the implementation of the Agreement regarding the protection of the participants in the programs of the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse (chapter S-2.1, r. 33.2);

– Regulation respecting the certification of community or private resources offering addiction lodging (chapter S-4.2, r. 0.1);

– Regulation respecting certain terms of employment applicable to officers of agencies and health and social services institutions (chapter S-4.2, r. 5.1);

– Regulation respecting certain terms of employment applicable to senior administrators of agencies and of public health and social services institutions (chapter S-4.2, r. 5.2);

– Regulation respecting the committee on training of medical imaging technologists, radiation oncology technologists and medical electrophysiology technologists (chapter T-5, r. 7).

REGULATIONS REPEALED BY THIS ACT:

– Internal by-law No. 2 respecting the delegation of signing authority for certain documents of the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale (chapter A-29.011, r. 3.1);

– Règlement sur la preuve et la procédure de la Commission de la fonction publique (chapter F-3.1.1, r. 3.01, French only);

– Règlement intérieur de la Commission de la fonction publique (chapter F-3.1.1, r. 5.2, French only).

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ORDER IN COUNCIL REPEALED BY THIS ACT:

– Order in Council 1540-96 dated 11 December 1996 (French only), respecting the Information Technology Fund of the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale.

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Bill 7

AN ACT TO REDUCE BUREAUCRACY, INCREASE STATE EFFICIENCY AND REINFORCE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF SENIOR PUBLIC SERVANTS

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENTS AND BODIES

CHAPTER I

INSTITUT NATIONAL DE SANTÉ PUBLIQUE DU QUÉBEC

DIVISION I

AMALGAMATION OF THE INSTITUT NATIONAL DE SANTÉ PUBLIQUE DU QUÉBEC WITH THE INSTITUT NATIONAL D'EXCELLENCE EN SANTÉ ET EN SERVICES SOCIAUX

ACT RESPECTING INSTITUT NATIONAL DE SANTÉ PUBLIQUE DU QUÉBEC

1. The Act respecting Institut national de santé publique du Québec (chapter I-13.1.1) is repealed.

ACT RESPECTING THE INSTITUT NATIONAL D'EXCELLENCE EN SANTÉ ET EN SERVICES SOCIAUX

2. The title of the Act respecting the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux (chapter I-13.03) is replaced by the following title:

"ACT RESPECTING THE INSTITUT NATIONAL D'EXCELLENCE EN SANTÉ ET EN SERVICES SOCIAUX ET DE SANTÉ PUBLIQUE DU QUÉBEC".

3. Section 1 of the Act is amended by replacing "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux" by "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec".

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4. Section 4 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting "public health expertise as well as" after "promote" in the first paragraph;

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

"In addition, the institute supports the Minister and, to the extent determined by the Minister, also supports Santé Québec, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services, the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay and the other health and social services institutions in the exercise of their functions and the carrying out of their public health activities.";

(3) by replacing "this" and "users of health services and social services" in the second paragraph by "its" and "population", respectively.

5. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 4:

"**4.1.** With regard to public health expertise, the institute exercises more particularly the following functions:

(1) offer the public health authorities referred to in the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2) expertise and referral services with regard to infectious diseases, immunization, occupational health, environmental health, toxicology as well as lifestyles that are healthy and safe;

(2) inform the Minister of the impacts of public policies on the health and well-being of the population of Québec;

(3) inform the population of the state of public health and well-being and of emerging problems, their causes, and the most effective means of preventing or resolving them;

(4) contribute to the development, updating, dissemination and application of knowledge in the field of public health;

(5) collaborate with higher education institutions in designing and updating training programs in the field of public health;

(6) design and implement continuing education programs in the field of public health in collaboration with the higher education institutions and professional orders concerned;

(7) develop and promote research in the field of public health in collaboration with the various research organizations and funding bodies; and

(8) establish channels of communication with various organizations, both within Canada and at the international level, to promote cooperation and the exchange of knowledge."

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6. Section 5 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing the portion before paragraph 1 by the following:

"**5.** With regard to clinical excellence and the effective use of resources, the institute exercises more particularly the following functions:";

(2) by striking out "personal" in paragraphs 1, 2 and 6, and "care" in paragraphs 1 and 2;

(3) by striking out paragraph 11.

7. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 5:

"**5.1.** In addition to the functions provided for in sections 4.1 and 5, the institute carries out any other mandate entrusted to it by the Minister, including the carrying out of activities under the national public health program developed under the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2)."

8. Section 6 of the Act is amended by inserting "referred to in section 5" after "guides" in the introductory clause of the first paragraph.

9. Section 9 of the Act is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "assessments necessary to prepare its recommendations and practice guides" in subparagraph 1 by "services necessary for the exercise of its functions";

(*b*) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph 2:

"(2.1) enter into an agreement with a Québec university for the purpose of participating in university-level training and internship programs;";

(*c*) by adding the following subparagraph at the end:

"(4) require from the national laboratories operated by Santé Québec any service necessary for the exercise of its expert functions in the field of public health provided for in section 4.1 or for the carrying out of an expert mandate in the field of public health entrusted under section 5.1.";

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

"The terms and conditions of an agreement entered into under subparagraph 2.1 of the first paragraph must be consistent with the principles and general rules established by the Minister in cooperation with the Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology."

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10. Sections 10 and 11 of the Act are replaced by the following sections:

"**10.** In exercising the functions described in paragraph 3 of section 4.1, the institute must act in collaboration with the persons and groups of the health and social services system concerned by its work and, where possible, forward in advance to the Minister the information it intends to make public.

"**11.** The institute establishes a plan for the prioritization of its activities that is consistent with the priorities, objectives and orientations determined under the first paragraph of section 22 of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system (chapter G-1.021) or provided for by the national public health program developed under the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2).

The prioritization plan must enable the institute to anticipate the trends likely to affect the health of the population in order to establish the scientific development priorities and the appropriate methods to achieve them. Furthermore, the prioritization provided for by the plan must ensure a balance between the institute's activities related to public health expertise and those related to clinical excellence and the effective use of resources.

The institute submits the plan and any update to it to the Minister for approval at the time and in the form the Minister determines.

The institute makes the plan and, where applicable, any update to it public on the institute's website not later than 60 days after they have been approved by the Minister."

11. Section 12 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting "or a health and social services body contemplated by the Act respecting health and social services information (chapter R-22.1)" before "that holds" in the first paragraph;

(2) in the second paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "public body" by "body";

(*b*) by replacing "5" by "4.1";

(*c*) by inserting "assess the impacts of public policies on the health and well-being of the population of Québec," before "ascertain";

(*d*) by replacing "described in subparagraphs 1 to 4 of the second paragraph of section 59 or in section 59.1 of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information" by "provided for, as the case may be, in subparagraphs 1 to 4 of the second paragraph of section 59 or section 59.1 of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information or in section 74, 75 or 77 of the Act respecting health and social services information";

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(3) by striking out the third paragraph.

12. Section 14 of the Act is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraphs:

"The institute must also adopt a policy concerning the services it provides as part of a mandate entrusted to it by the Minister under section 5.1.

The policies must be approved by the Minister, with or without amendment, before being implemented."

13. Section 15 of the Act is amended by replacing "11" by "15".

14. Section 20 of the Act is amended by inserting "related to public health expertise as well as to clinical excellence and the effective use of resources" at the end.

15. Section 33 of the Act is amended by replacing "three-year plan of activities and its annual updates" in paragraph 1 by "institute's plan for the prioritization of its activities and any updates to that plan".

16. The Act is amended by inserting the following section before section 37:

"**36.** The quorum at meetings of the institute's board of directors is the majority of its members, including the chair of the board or the president and chief executive officer.

Decisions are made by a majority of the votes cast by the members present."

17. Section 37 of the Act is amended by replacing ", its internal management and the rules relating to quorum" in the first paragraph by "and its internal management".

18. The Act is amended by inserting the following chapters before Chapter IV:

"**CHAPTER III.1**

"COMMITTEES

"**38.** For the exercise of its functions provided for in section 5, the institute sets up standing committees to study scientific questions. The committees must be made up of scientists, clinicians, ethicists, managers and members of the general public.

It may also set up committees to study any matter within its area of competence.

The institute determines the committees' terms of reference.

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The fees, allowances and salaries of the committee members are set by the Government.

"**39.** The institute also sets up a public health ethics committee whose main function is to give its opinion on the ethics of the proposed surveillance plans and surveys on health and social issues drawn up under the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2) and submitted to it by the Minister and public health directors.

The committee may, in particular, give its opinion on

(1) the purpose of ongoing surveillance and the indicators or health determinants selected for a surveillance plan or a survey; and

(2) the type of information it will be necessary to collect, the sources of information to be used and the analytic study envisaged.

"**39.1.** The ethics committee may also give its opinion on any ethical question that may be raised in the application of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2), in particular on the activities or actions provided for in the national public health program or in regional action plans.

"**39.2.** The composition and the operating procedures of the ethics committee are determined by the institute.

The committee must, however, include

(1) one ethicist;

(2) three representatives of the general public who have no professional ties to the health and social services system;

(3) one public health director;

(4) two public health professionals, including one who practises in a health and social services institution; and

(5) one lawyer.

"**39.3.** The opinions of the ethics committee are public, subject to the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1) and the Act respecting health and social services information (chapter R-22.1).

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"**CHAPTER III.2**

"TASKS ASSIGNED BY THE MINISTER
IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

"**39.4.** Where the health of the population is endangered by an event or a particular situation that creates an emergency, the Minister may order the institute to perform, in the exercise of its functions provided for in section 4.1, the tasks assigned by the Minister with priority over its other tasks.

In such a case, Santé Québec, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services, the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay and the other institutions must, unless otherwise provided, make available to the institute all the information it requires. They must also, so far as possible, provide the institute with all the assistance it needs to perform the tasks expressly assigned by the Minister."

19. Section 45 of the Act is amended by replacing "15 July" in the first paragraph by "30 June".

20. Section 46 of the Act is amended by replacing both occurrences of "15" in the first paragraph by "30".

DIVISION II

TRANSFER OF LABORATORIES ADMINISTERED
BY THE INSTITUT NATIONAL DE SANTÉ PUBLIQUE
DU QUÉBEC TO SANTÉ QUÉBEC

ACT RESPECTING THE GOVERNANCE OF THE HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEM

21. Section 27 of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system (chapter G-1.021) is amended by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph 7 of the first paragraph:

"(7.1) operating the national laboratories;".

22. The Act is amended by inserting the following chapter after section 101:

"**CHAPTER VIII**

"NATIONAL LABORATORIES

"**101.1.** Santé Québec operates the following national laboratories:

(1) the Québec public health laboratory known as "Laboratoire de santé publique du Québec", whose main mission is to

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(*a*) offer its expertise, in particular to the public health authorities referred to in the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2), by providing specialized laboratory services in the field of microbiology;

(*b*) collaborate in the surveillance of communicable diseases to allow prevention strategies to be implemented;

(*c*) provide analysis services during an epidemic or a public health emergency situation;

(*d*) collaborate with the public health authorities referred to in the Public Health Act with regard to environmental and nutritional health as well as biosecurity and biosafety;

(*e*) collaborate in the evaluation of public health policies; and

(*f*) participate in any public health activity identified by the Minister;

(2) the Québec toxicology centre known as "Centre de toxicologie du Québec", whose main function is to provide, in particular in support of the public health authorities, specialized laboratory services in the fields of environmental health and toxicology and to provide, within Santé Québec, the expertise required in the area of intoxications;

(3) the provincial laboratory screening service known as "Service provincial de dépistage par laboratoire", whose main function is to provide audiological and radiological screening services;

(4) any other laboratory performing a function for all of Québec that the Minister may determine.

"**101.2.** Santé Québec must provide the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec with the services the institute requires from a national laboratory under subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph of section 9 of the Act respecting the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec (chapter I-13.03). The services must be provided with priority over all the other work of the laboratory concerned.

Santé Québec and the institute may communicate to each other any information necessary for the provision of such services."

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DIVISION III

SPECIAL AMENDING PROVISIONS

ACT RESPECTING INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES

23. Section 348.2 of the Act respecting industrial accidents and occupational diseases (chapter A-3.001) is amended by replacing "Institut national de santé publique du Québec" in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec".

HEALTH INSURANCE ACT

24. Section 1 of the Health Insurance Act (chapter A-29), amended by section 15 of chapter 25 of the statutes of 2025, is again amended by replacing "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux, the Institut national de santé publique du Québec" in subparagraph *s* of the first paragraph by "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec".

ACT RESPECTING THE GOVERNANCE OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEM

25. Section 101 of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system (chapter G-1.021) is amended by replacing "Institut national de santé publique" by "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec".

26. Section 399 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

"**399.** Any decision made by a pharmacology committee referred to in section 397 or 398 must, after being anonymized, be sent to the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec for the purposes of the register it keeps in accordance with section 9.1 of the Act respecting the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec (chapter I-13.03)."

ACT RESPECTING THE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE INFORMATION RESOURCES OF PUBLIC BODIES AND GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES

27. Section 2 of the Act respecting the governance and management of the information resources of public bodies and government enterprises (chapter G-1.03) is amended by replacing "the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux, the Institut national de santé publique du Québec" in subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph by "the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec".

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ACT RESPECTING MEDICAL LABORATORIES AND ORGAN AND TISSUE CONSERVATION

28. Section 1 of the Act respecting medical laboratories and organ and tissue conservation (chapter L-0.2) is amended, in subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph,

(1) by striking out "outside a facility maintained by an institution";

(2) by inserting ", with the exception of a laboratory operated by Santé Québec or by an institution other than a Santé Québec institution" at the end.

29. Section 31 of the Act is amended by replacing "With the exception of the Institut national de santé publique du Québec, no person may operate a laboratory or an organ and tissue bank" in the first paragraph by "No person may operate a laboratory or an organ and tissue bank".

30. The Act is amended by inserting the following section before section 44:

"**43.** The provisions of section 69 and of the regulations made under them regarding the operation of a laboratory apply to a laboratory operated by Santé Québec outside a facility maintained by one of its institutions."

ACT RESPECTING THE SHARING OF CERTAIN HEALTH INFORMATION

31. Section 106 of the Act respecting the sharing of certain health information (chapter P-9.0001) is amended by replacing subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the first paragraph by the following subparagraph:

"(2) the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec;".

PUBLIC PROTECTOR ACT

32. Section 15 of the Public Protector Act (chapter P-32) is amended

(1) by striking out paragraph 6.2;

(2) by replacing "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux" in paragraph 7 by "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec".

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

33. Section 18 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2) is amended by replacing "Institut national de santé publique du Québec created under the Act respecting Institut national de santé publique du Québec (chapter I-13.1.1)" in the first paragraph by "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec".

34. Section 34 of the Act is amended by replacing "Institut national de santé publique du Québec" in the second paragraph by "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec or on a national laboratory operated by Santé Québec".

35. Section 100 of the Act is amended by replacing "the Institut national de santé publique du Québec" in paragraphs 6 and 7 by "a national laboratory operated by Santé Québec".

36. The Act is amended by replacing all occurrences of "Institut national de santé publique du Québec" by "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec" in the following provisions:

(1) the second paragraph of section 4;

(2) the fifth and sixth paragraphs of section 10;

(3) section 36;

(4) the first paragraph of section 43.

RÈGLEMENT SUR LA FORMATION CONTINUE OBLIGATOIRE DES TECHNOLOGISTES MÉDICAUX DU QUÉBEC

37. Section 4 of the Règlement sur la formation continue obligatoire des technologistes médicaux du Québec (chapter C-26, r. 249, French only) is amended by striking out ", par l'Institut national de santé publique du Québec" in subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph.

REGULATION RESPECTING THE APPLICATION OF THE ACT RESPECTING THE SHARING OF CERTAIN HEALTH INFORMATION

38. Section 1 of the Regulation respecting the application of the Act respecting the sharing of certain health information (chapter P-9.0001, r. 0.1) is amended by striking out paragraph 2.

39. Section 6 of the Regulation is amended by replacing "administered by the Institut national de santé publique du Québec" in paragraphs 10, 12 and 13 by "operated by Santé Québec".

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REGULATION RESPECTING ACCESS AUTHORIZATIONS AND THE DURATION OF USE OF INFORMATION HELD IN A HEALTH INFORMATION BANK IN A CLINICAL DOMAIN

40. Section 0.1 of the Regulation respecting access authorizations and the duration of use of information held in a health information bank in a clinical domain (chapter P-9.0001, r. 1) is amended by replacing "administered by the Institut national de santé publique du Québec" in subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph by "operated by Santé Québec".

REGULATION RESPECTING JOINT SECTOR-BASED ASSOCIATIONS ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

41. Schedule A to the Regulation respecting joint sector-based associations on occupational health and safety (chapter S-2.1, r. 2) is amended by replacing "Institut national de santé publique du Québec" in the second paragraph of paragraph 6 by "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec".

REGULATION RESPECTING THE CERTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY OR PRIVATE RESOURCES OFFERING ADDICTION LODGING

42. Section 47 of the Regulation respecting the certification of community or private resources offering addiction lodging (chapter S-4.2, r. 0.1) is amended by replacing "Institut national de santé publique du Québec" by "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec".

DIVISION IV

OTHER AMENDING PROVISIONS

43. Any reference to "Institut national de santé publique du Québec" and to "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux" is replaced, with the necessary modifications and in alphabetical order, by a single reference to "Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec" in the following schedules:

(1) Schedule 2 to the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001);

(2) Schedule I to the Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises (chapter G-1.02);

(3) Schedule I to the Act respecting the negotiation and determination of conditions of employment requiring national coordination in particular in the public and parapublic sectors (chapter N-0.1);

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(4) Schedule I to the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (chapter R-10);

(5) Schedule II to the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel (chapter R-12.1);

(6) Schedule I to the Act respecting health and social services information (chapter R-22.1).

DIVISION V

SPECIAL MISCELLANEOUS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

§1. — *Amalgamation of the Institut national de santé publique du Québec with the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux*

44. The Institut national de santé publique du Québec and the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux are amalgamated.

Those legal persons are continued within the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec established by section 1 of the Act respecting the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec (chapter I-13.03), amended by section 3 of this Act, and their patrimonies are joined together to form a single patrimony, which is that of the institute.

45. The rights and obligations of the Institut national de santé publique du Québec other than those referred to in section 54 become those of the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec and the latter becomes, without continuance of suit, a party to all proceedings to which the Institut national de santé publique du Québec was a party with respect to those rights and obligations.

46. The terms of office of the members of the respective boards of the Institut national de santé publique du Québec and the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux end on 1 April 2027, without compensation.

The terms of office of the president and executive directors of the institutes end on 1 April 2027, without other prior notice and without compensation other than the severance allowance provided for in their instruments of appointment.

47. Subject to the conditions of employment applicable to them, the employees of the Institut national de santé publique du Québec who, on 31 March 2027, are assigned to any function other than those provided for in the first paragraph of section 4 of the Act respecting Institut national de santé publique du Québec (chapter I-13.1.1), as it reads on that date, become, without further formality, employees of the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec.

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48. The provisions of section 3.1 of the Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises (chapter G-1.02) relating to the expertise and experience profiles of the members of the board of directors of the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec, other than the board chair and the president and chief executive officer, do not apply when the first members of the institute's board of directors are appointed after the amalgamation provided for in section 44 of this Act.

However, when appointing those members, the Government must ensure that they collectively have the appropriate expertise and experience in the following areas:

(1) health and social services;

(2) public health;

(3) pharmacy;

(4) public policy and social determinants;

(5) governance and ethics;

(6) public administration;

(7) strategic planning;

(8) human resources management and organizational development;

(9) finance management and auditing;

(10) risk management;

(11) information resources management;

(12) public relations and communications;

(13) legal affairs;

(14) partnership and stakeholder management; and

(15) research and innovation.

49. The provisions of section 3.3 of the Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises (chapter G-1.02) relating to the recommendation of the board of directors and to the expertise and experience profile of the president and chief executive officer of an enterprise do not apply respecting the appointment of the president and chief executive officer of the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec who takes office on 1 April 2027.

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The president and chief executive officer exercises the powers of the board of directors until it is established.

50. The public health ethics committee established under section 19.1 of the Act respecting Institut national de santé publique du Québec (chapter I-13.1.1) continues to exist after the amalgamation provided for in section 44 of this Act as if it had been set up under section 39 of the Act respecting the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec (chapter I-13.03), enacted by section 18 of this Act, and exercises the functions provided for by the latter Act.

51. The strategic plans of the Institut national de santé publique du Québec and of the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux apply, with the necessary modifications, to the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec until the latter replaces them by a new strategic plan.

52. The Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec must, not later than 31 December 2027, file with the Minister of Health and Social Services the financial statements and the annual management report of the Institut national de santé publique du Québec for the fiscal year that began on 1 April 2026. The financial statements and annual management report must contain all the information required by the Minister.

The Minister tables the financial statements and the annual management report in the National Assembly not later than 30 January 2028 or, if the Assembly is not sitting, within 30 days of resumption.

The books and accounts of the Institut national de santé publique du Québec are audited by the Auditor General for the fiscal year referred to in the first paragraph.

The Auditor General's report must be submitted with the financial statements filed under the first paragraph.

53. Unless the context indicates otherwise, in any Act or regulation other than the Regulation respecting the Québec sales tax (chapter T-0.1, r. 2), including an Act or a regulation amended by this Act, or in any order or any other document, a reference to the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux is a reference to the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux et de santé publique du Québec.

§2. — *Functions transferred to Santé Québec*

54. With regard to the functions that were exercised by the Institut national de santé publique du Québec and that become, under this Act, functions of Santé Québec, the latter is substituted for the former, acquires the former's rights and assumes the former's obligations.

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Santé Québec becomes, without continuance of suit, a party to all proceedings to which the Institut national de santé publique du Québec was a party with respect to the rights Santé Québec acquires and the obligations it assumes under the first paragraph.

The assets and liabilities of the Institut national de santé publique du Québec with respect to those functions are identified by the Minister of Health and Social Services and transferred to Santé Québec according to the value and on the conditions determined by the Government.

The transfer of the functions referred to in the first paragraph is not considered an alienation or an operation by another of an undertaking within the meaning of section 45 of the Labour Code (chapter C-27) or a transfer of activities within the meaning of section 34.1 of the Act respecting bargaining units in the social affairs sector (chapter U-0.1).

55. Subject to the conditions of employment applicable to them, the employees of the Institut national de santé publique du Québec who, on 31 March 2027, are assigned specifically to the functions provided for in the first paragraph of section 4 of the Act respecting Institut national de santé publique du Québec (chapter I-13.1.1), as it reads on that date, become, without further formality, employees of Santé Québec.

The employees transferred to Santé Québec under the first paragraph continue to be represented by the certified associations that represented them before their transfer until the process provided for in sections 72 and following of the Act respecting bargaining units in the social affairs sector (chapter U-0.1), applicable under section 1610 of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system (chapter G-1.021), has been completed.

Subject to section 56 of this Act, the conditions of employment those employees had before the transfer continue to apply, as they may have been amended after the transfer, with the necessary modifications, until they are replaced, as applicable,

(1) by conditions of employment negotiated and agreed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter II of the Act respecting the negotiation and determination of conditions of employment requiring national coordination in particular in the public and parapublic sectors (chapter N-0.1) where, once the process referred to in the second paragraph has been completed, those employees are part of a bargaining unit for which an association of employees has been certified in accordance with the provisions of the Act respecting bargaining units in the social affairs sector and the Labour Code (chapter C-27); or

(2) by conditions of employment determined by Santé Québec in accordance with a regulation of the Minister of Health and Social Services made under section 59 of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system where, once the process referred to in the second paragraph has been completed, those employees are not part of such a bargaining unit.

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The conditions of employment of Santé Québec employees transferred under the first paragraph who were not governed by a collective agreement and who were not members of the management personnel before their transfer continue to apply, subject to section 56 of this Act, until they are replaced by conditions of employment determined by Santé Québec in accordance with a regulation of the Minister made under section 59 of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system.

The conditions of employment of a Santé Québec employee transferred under the first paragraph who was part of the management personnel before the transfer continue to apply until they are replaced by conditions of employment determined by Santé Québec in accordance with a regulation made by the Minister under section 59 of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system.

56. The job titles and corresponding job descriptions set out in the collective agreements or the conditions of employment of the employees referred to in the second and fourth paragraphs of section 55 before those employees were transferred to Santé Québec under the first paragraph of that section are replaced by the equivalent job titles and job descriptions from among those set out in the list of job titles, job descriptions, and salary rates and scales in the health and social services network. If there is no equivalent job title, other job titles may be created by the Minister of Health and Social Services in accordance with the mechanism for amending that list set out in the collective agreements applicable to employees of the health and social services network.

The transferred employees are integrated into the salary scale of their new job title at the level whose hourly salary rate is equal to or immediately above their salary rate before the integration. Despite the rules set out in those employees' conditions of employment relating to off-rate or off-scale employees, the following rules apply to employees whose salary rate before the integration is above the uniform salary rate or the maximum of the salary scale of their new job title:

(1) the difference between the applicable salary before their integration and the new applicable salary is paid to the employee in lump sums during the first three years after the integration;

(2) two thirds of the difference between the applicable salary before their integration and the new applicable salary is paid to the employee in the same manner during the fourth year after the integration; and

(3) one third of the difference between the applicable salary before their integration and the new applicable salary is paid to the employee in the same manner during the fifth year after the integration.

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The job title and corresponding job description of an employee referred to in the second or fourth paragraph of section 55 may be the subject of the replacement provided for in the first paragraph even if the employee concerned does not meet the conditions necessary to have a job title set out in the list of job titles, job descriptions, and salary rates and scales in the health and social services network.

57. Is deemed to be fulfilled any obligation of an employer to send a prior notice, a notice or any other communication arising from the transfer of certain functions of the Institut national de santé publique du Québec to Santé Québec under this Act and set out, as the case may be,

(1) in the collective agreements applicable in the health and social services network;

(2) in the agreements entered into with a body representing clinical biochemists, certified clinical laboratory geneticists, pharmacists or medical physicists; or

(3) in the terms of employment in accordance with the Regulation respecting certain terms of employment applicable to officers of agencies and health and social services institutions (chapter S-4.2, r. 5.1) or the Regulation respecting certain terms of employment applicable to senior administrators of agencies and of public health and social services institutions (chapter S-4.2, r. 5.2).

CHAPTER II

URGENCES-SANTÉ

DIVISION I

MUTUALIZATION OF URGENCES-SANTÉ'S GOVERNANCE AND TECHNICAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

ACT RESPECTING PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

58. Section 4.1 of the Act respecting pre-hospital emergency services (chapter S-6.2) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"In addition, Santé Québec is responsible, to the extent determined by the Minister, for providing technical or administrative services to Urgences-santé."

59. Section 90 of the Act is amended by striking out subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph.

60. Section 90.2 of the Act is amended by replacing "16" by "15".

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61. Section 91 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

"**91.** The president and chief executive officer of Urgences-santé and the members of Santé Québec's board of directors, other than the president and chief executive officer of Santé Québec, form Urgences-santé's board of directors.

The provisions of section 3.1 and of the second paragraph of section 3.4 of the Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises (chapter G-1.02) that are applicable to the members as members of Santé Québec's board of directors are not applicable to them as members of the board of directors of Urgences-santé.

The sole fact that a member sits on both boards of directors does not affect the member's status as an independent director and is not considered a conflict of interest. In addition, the fact that a member is acting in the interest of Santé Québec is deemed to be in the interest of Urgences-santé."

62. Section 103 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "30 June, Urgences-santé shall submit its financial statements and an annual management report for the preceding fiscal year to Santé Québec" in the first paragraph by "15 June, Urgences-santé shall submit its financial statements and an annual management report for the preceding fiscal year to the Minister";

(2) by replacing "Santé Québec" in the second paragraph by "the Minister".

63. Sections 104 to 116 of the Act are replaced by the following sections:

"**104.** Urgences-santé must call on the technical or administrative services provided by Santé Québec in accordance with the third paragraph of section 4.1.

"**105.** The Minister and the Government have, with respect to Urgences-santé, the powers they have with respect to Santé Québec under sections 29 and 754 to 758 of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system (chapter G-1.021). Those sections then apply with the necessary modifications."

DIVISION II

SPECIAL AMENDING PROVISIONS

ACT RESPECTING THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES OMBUDSMAN

64. Section 8 of the Act respecting the Health and Social Services Ombudsman (chapter P-31.1) is amended by replacing "by Urgences-santé pursuant to the provisions of section 104 of the Act respecting pre-hospital emergency services

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(chapter S-6.2) or deemed to have been transmitted to the person by Urgences-santé pursuant to the provisions of that section" in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph by "under section 16 of the Act respecting pre-hospital emergency services (chapter S-6.2) or deemed to have been transmitted to the person under that section".

REGULATION RESPECTING THE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE ENGAGED IN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SERVICES AND CARE

65. Section 7 of the Regulation respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in within the framework of pre-hospital emergency services and care (chapter M-9, r. 2.1) is amended by replacing "an agency referred to in the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system (chapter G-1.021) or in section 339 of the Act respecting health services and social services for the Inuit and Naskapi (chapter S-4.2) or by the Corporation d'urgences-santé referred to in section 87 of the Act respecting pre-hospital emergency services (chapter S-6.2)" in the second paragraph by "Santé Québec, a regional entity under subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph of section 7 of the Act respecting pre-hospital emergency services (chapter S-6.2) or Urgences-santé".

REGULATION RESPECTING ACCESS AUTHORIZATIONS AND THE DURATION OF USE OF INFORMATION HELD IN A HEALTH INFORMATION BANK IN A CLINICAL DOMAIN

66. Section 0.1 of the Regulation respecting access authorizations and the duration of use of information held in a health information bank in a clinical domain (chapter P-9.0001, r. 1) is amended by replacing "executive director" in subparagraph 4.3 of the first paragraph by "president and chief executive officer".

DIVISION III

SPECIAL TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

67. The terms of office of the members of the board of Urgences-santé, other than the term of office of the president and chief executive officer, end on 1 April 2027, without compensation.

68. Subject to the conditions of employment applicable to them, the employees of Urgences-santé who are identified by the president and chief executive officer of Urgences-santé before 1 April 2027 and assigned to tasks that will be the subject of technical or administrative services provided by Santé Québec under the third paragraph of section 4.1 of the Act respecting pre-hospital emergency services (chapter S-6.2), enacted by section 58 of this Act, become, without further formality, Santé Québec employees as of the date or dates agreed on by the president and chief executive officer of Urgences-santé and the president and chief executive officer of Santé Québec.

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The employees transferred to Santé Québec under the first paragraph continue to be represented by the certified associations that represented them before their transfer until the process provided for in sections 72 and following of the Act respecting bargaining units in the social affairs sector (chapter U-0.1), applicable under section 1610 of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system (chapter G-1.021), has been completed.

Subject to section 69 of this Act, the conditions of employment those employees had before the transfer continue to apply, as they may have been amended after the transfer, with the necessary modifications, until they are replaced, as applicable,

(1) by conditions of employment negotiated and agreed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter II of the Act respecting the negotiation and determination of conditions of employment requiring national coordination in particular in the public and parapublic sectors (chapter N-0.1) where, once the process referred to in the second paragraph has been completed, those employees are part of a bargaining unit for which an association of employees has been certified in accordance with the provisions of the Act respecting bargaining units in the social affairs sector and the Labour Code (chapter C-27); or

(2) by conditions of employment determined by Santé Québec in accordance with a regulation of the Minister of Health and Social Services made under section 59 of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system where, once the process referred to in the second paragraph has been completed, those employees are not part of such a bargaining unit.

The conditions of employment of Santé Québec employees transferred under the first paragraph who were not governed by a collective agreement and who were not members of the management personnel before their transfer continue to apply, subject to section 69 of this Act, until they are replaced by conditions of employment determined by Santé Québec in accordance with a regulation of the Minister made under section 59 of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system.

The conditions of employment of a Santé Québec employee transferred under the first paragraph who was part of the management personnel before the transfer continue to apply until they are replaced by conditions of employment determined by Santé Québec in accordance with a regulation made by the Minister under section 59 of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system.

The transfer of the employees referred to in the first paragraph is not considered an alienation or an operation by another of an undertaking within the meaning of section 45 of the Labour Code or a transfer of activities within the meaning of section 34.1 of the Act respecting bargaining units in the social affairs sector.

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69. The job titles and corresponding job descriptions set out in the collective agreements or the conditions of employment of the employees referred to in the second and fourth paragraphs of section 68 before those employees were transferred to Santé Québec under the first paragraph of that section are replaced by the equivalent job titles and job descriptions from among those set out in the list of job titles, job descriptions, and salary rates and scales in the health and social services network. If there is no equivalent job title, other job titles may be created by the Minister of Health and Social Services in accordance with the mechanism for amending that list set out in the collective agreements applicable to employees of the health and social services network.

The transferred employees are integrated into the salary scale of their new job title, at the level whose hourly salary rate is equal to or immediately above their salary rate before the integration. Despite the rules set out in those employees' conditions of employment relating to off-rate or off-scale employees, the following rules apply to employees whose salary rate before the integration is above the uniform salary rate or the maximum of the salary scale of their new job title:

(1) the difference between the applicable salary before their integration and the new applicable salary is paid to the employee in lump sums during the first three years after the integration;

(2) two thirds of the difference between the applicable salary before their integration and the new applicable salary is paid to the employee in the same manner during the fourth year after the integration; and

(3) one third of the difference between the applicable salary before their integration and the new applicable salary is paid to the employee in the same manner during the fifth year after the integration.

The job title and corresponding job description of an employee referred to in the second or fourth paragraph of section 68 may be the subject of the replacement provided for in the first paragraph even if the employee concerned does not meet the conditions necessary to have a job title set out in the list of job titles, job descriptions, and salary rates and scales in the health and social services network.

70. Is deemed to be fulfilled any obligation of an employer to send a prior notice, a notice or any other communication arising from the transfer of employees from Urgences-santé to Santé Québec under section 68 of this Act and that is set out, as the case may be,

(1) in the applicable collective agreements in the health and social services network;

(2) in the agreements entered into with a body representing clinical biochemists, certified clinical laboratory geneticists, pharmacists or medical physicists; or

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(3) in the terms of employment in accordance with the Regulation respecting certain terms of employment applicable to officers of agencies and health and social services institutions (chapter S-4.2, r. 5.1) or the Regulation respecting certain terms of employment applicable to senior administrators of agencies and of public health and social services institutions (chapter S-4.2, r. 5.2).

CHAPTER III

HÉMA-QUÉBEC

ACT RESPECTING HÉMA-QUÉBEC AND THE BIOVIGILANCE COMMITTEE

71. Section 3 of the Act respecting Héma-Québec and the biovigilance committee (chapter H-1.1) is amended by replacing "Government" in the fourth paragraph by "Minister of Health and Social Services. The Minister may also entrust it with any awareness or promotion mandate related to organ donation or to any other matter the Minister determines".

CHAPTER IV

COMMISSION D'ÉVALUATION DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT COLLÉGIAL

DIVISION I

ABOLITION OF THE COMMISSION D'ÉVALUATION DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT COLLÉGIAL

ACT RESPECTING THE COMMISSION D'ÉVALUATION DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT COLLÉGIAL

72. The Act respecting the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial (chapter C-32.2) is repealed.

DIVISION II

SPECIAL AMENDING PROVISIONS

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT

73. Schedule 1 to the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001) is amended by striking out "Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial".

GENERAL AND VOCATIONAL COLLEGES ACT

74. Section 16.1 of the General and Vocational Colleges Act (chapter C-29) is amended by striking out "and to the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial" in the third paragraph.

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75. Section 18 of the Act is amended by striking out "and on the recommendation of the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial" in subparagraph *e* of the third paragraph.

COLLEGE EDUCATION REGULATIONS

76. Section 32.2 of the College Education Regulations (chapter C-29, r. 4) is amended by striking out "and on the recommendation of the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial".

77. In the following regulations, section 6 is amended by striking out ", in particular, the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial du Québec" or ", in particular, the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial", as the case may be:

(1) the Regulation respecting the committee on training of hearing-aid acousticians (chapter A-33, r. 5);

(2) the Regulation respecting the committee on training of dental hygienists (chapter C-26, r. 142);

(3) the Regulation respecting the committee on training of inhalotherapists (chapter C-26, r. 169);

(4) the Regulation respecting the committee on training of dental prosthesis and appliance technologists (chapter C-26, r. 228);

(5) the Regulation respecting the committee on training of medical technologists (chapter C-26, r. 245);

(6) the Regulation respecting the committee on training of professional technologists (chapter C-26, r. 260);

(7) the Regulation respecting the committee on training of denturologists (chapter D-4, r. 7);

(8) the Regulation respecting the committee on training of dispensing opticians (chapter O-6, r. 5); and

(9) the Regulation respecting the committee on training of medical imaging technologists, radiation oncology technologists and medical electrophysiology technologists (chapter T-5, r. 7).

DIVISION III

SPECIAL TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

78. The Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial is dissolved without any formalities other than those provided for in this Chapter.

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79. The rights and obligations of the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial become the rights and obligations of the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie.

80. The terms of office of the members of the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial end on 30 June 2026, without prior notice and without compensation other than the severance allowance provided for in their instrument of appointment.

81. The employees of the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial become, without further formality, employees of the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie, except the employee who exercises the functions of information technician, who becomes an employee of the Ministère du Conseil exécutif.

82. The records and other documents of the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial become those of the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie.

CHAPTER V

SIMPLIFICATIONS RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

ACT RESPECTING THE ACCREDITATION AND FINANCING OF STUDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

83. Section 63 of the Act respecting the accreditation and financing of students' associations (chapter A-3.01) is repealed.

ACT RESPECTING ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN THE UNIVERSITY SECTOR

84. Section 9 of the Act respecting academic freedom in the university sector (chapter L-1.2) is repealed.

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CHAPTER VI

MINISTÈRE DES RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES ET DE LA FRANCOPHONIE, OFFICE QUÉBEC-MONDE POUR LA JEUNESSE AND OFFICE FRANCO-QUÉBÉCOIS POUR LA JEUNESSE

DIVISION I

INTEGRATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE QUÉBEC-MONDE POUR LA JEUNESSE INTO THE MINISTÈRE DES RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES ET DE LA FRANCOPHONIE AND REVISION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE QUÉBEC SECTION OF THE OFFICE FRANCO-QUÉBÉCOIS POUR LA JEUNESSE

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DES RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES

85. The Act respecting the Ministère des Relations internationales (chapter M-25.1.1) is amended by inserting the following section after section 12:

"**12.1.** The Minister shall promote the international mobility of youth, in particular by implementing programs that contribute to their path of studies or their personal, social, cultural or professional development."

ACT RESPECTING THE OFFICE FRANCO-QUÉBÉCOIS POUR LA JEUNESSE

86. The Act respecting the Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse (chapter O-5.01) is amended by inserting the following sections after section 4:

"**5.** To the extent and subject to the conditions that the Minister and the Office determine, the Minister shall provide to the Office financial, human, material and technological resource services as well as any other services agreed on by them.

"**5.1.** The Minister responsible for the administration of this Act shall appoint, from among the assistant deputy ministers in office at the Minister's department, the Secretary General of the Québec section of the Office.

"**5.2.** The Minister shall implement the programs of the Québec section of the Office.

"**5.3.** The Office shall communicate to the Minister, on request, the information or documents required by the Minister for the purposes of this Act."

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ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE QUÉBEC-MONDE POUR LA JEUNESSE

87. The Act to establish the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse (chapter O-5.2) is repealed.

DIVISION II

SPECIAL AMENDING PROVISIONS

88. The expression "Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse" is struck out in the following provisions:

(1) Schedule 2 to the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001);

(2) Schedule I to the Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises (chapter G-1.02).

ACT RESPECTING THE NEGOTIATION AND DETERMINATION OF CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT REQUIRING NATIONAL COORDINATION IN PARTICULAR IN THE PUBLIC AND PARAPUBLIC SECTORS

89. Schedule I to the Act respecting the negotiation and determination of conditions of employment requiring national coordination in particular in the public and parapublic sectors (chapter N-0.1) is amended by striking out "Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse".

ACT RESPECTING THE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN

90. Schedule I to the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (chapter R-10) is amended

(1) by striking out "Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse, in respect of employees of the Québec section" and "Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse" in paragraph 1;

(2) by striking out paragraph 12.1.

ACT RESPECTING THE PENSION PLAN OF MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

91. Schedule II to the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel (chapter R-12.1) is amended

(1) by striking out "Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse, in respect of employees of the Québec section" and "Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse" in paragraph 1;

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(2) by striking out paragraph 13.1.

REGULATION RESPECTING CERTAIN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT APPLICABLE TO OFFICERS OF AGENCIES AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES INSTITUTIONS

92. Section 76.18 of the Regulation respecting certain terms of employment applicable to officers of agencies and health and social services institutions (chapter S-4.2, r. 5.1) is amended by striking out "the Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse," in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph.

REGULATION RESPECTING CERTAIN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT APPLICABLE TO SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS OF AGENCIES AND OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES INSTITUTIONS

93. Section 87.18 of the Regulation respecting certain terms of employment applicable to senior administrators of agencies and of public health and social services institutions (chapter S-4.2, r. 5.2) is amended by striking out "the Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse," in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph.

DIVISION III

SPECIAL MISCELLANEOUS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

94. In the Regulation respecting the implementation of the Agreement regarding the protection of the participants in the programs of the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse (chapter S-2.1, r. 33.2), a reference to the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse is a reference to the Minister of International Relations.

95. The Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse is dissolved without any formalities other than those provided for in this Chapter.

96. The rights and obligations of the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse become those of the Minister of International Relations.

97. The Attorney General of Québec becomes, without continuance of suit, a party to all proceedings to which the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse was a party.

98. The terms of office of the members of the board of directors of the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse in progress on the date of coming into force of this section end on that date without compensation.

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99. The term of office of the president and chief executive officer of the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse and that of the Secretary General of the Québec section of the Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse that are in progress on the date of coming into force of this section end on that date, without compensation.

100. The employees of the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse and those of the Québec section of the Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse in office on the date of coming into force of this section become, without further formality, employees of the Ministère des Relations internationales except those exercising the functions of communications adviser, who become employees of the Ministère du Conseil exécutif. The employees are deemed to have been appointed in accordance with the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1).

The Conseil du trésor determines their remuneration, their classification and any other condition of employment applicable to them.

101. The fiscal year of the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse that began on 1 April 2026 ends on 31 May 2026.

The Minister of International Relations must file the financial statements and the annual management report of the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse for the fiscal year referred to in the first paragraph and, if the dissolution provided for in section 95 of this Act is effected on or before 1 July 2026, for the fiscal year that began on 1 April 2025, not later than four months after the end of each of those fiscal years.

The Minister tables the financial statements and the annual management report for the fiscal years of the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse beginning on 1 April for the years 2025 and 2026 in the National Assembly within 30 days after they are filed or, if the Assembly is not sitting, within 30 days of resumption.

CHAPTER VII

CENTRE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE DES AMÉRIQUES

DIVISION I

REPEAL OF THE ACT RESPECTING THE CENTRE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE DES AMÉRIQUES

ACT RESPECTING THE CENTRE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE DES AMÉRIQUES

102. The Act respecting the Centre de la francophonie des Amériques (chapter C-7.1) is repealed.

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DIVISION II

SPECIAL AMENDING AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

103. Any reference to the Centre de la francophonie des Amériques is struck out in

(1) Schedule 2 to the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001);

(2) Schedule I to the Act respecting the negotiation and determination of conditions of employment requiring national coordination in particular in the public and parapublic sectors (chapter N-0.1);

(3) Schedule I to the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (chapter R-10);

(4) Schedule II to the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel (chapter R-12.1);

(5) Annexe A to the Décret sur l'identification visuelle du gouvernement du Québec et sa signature gouvernementale (chapter A-6.01, r. 3.2, French only).

104. The Centre de la francophonie des Amériques established by the Act respecting the Centre de la francophonie des Amériques (chapter C-7.1) continues as a non-profit legal person governed by Part III of the Companies Act (chapter C-38). The first fiscal year of the Centre so continued begins on 1 May 2026 and ends on 31 March 2027.

The enterprise registrar issues and deposits in the enterprise register the letters patent dated 1 May 2026 providing that the purpose of the Centre de la francophonie des Amériques is to promote and develop francophone culture in Québec, Canada and the Americas.

Subject to this chapter, the continuance does not affect the rights, obligations and deeds of the Centre or those of its members. The Centre remains a party to any judicial or administrative proceedings to which it was a party.

105. The directors appointed or designated under subparagraph 1 or 2 of the first paragraph of section 8 of the Act respecting the Centre de la francophonie des Amériques (chapter C-7.1) are deemed to be elected by the general meeting of the members of the Centre de la francophonie des Amériques, until they are elected or replaced.

The term of office of the Centre's president and chief executive officer ends on 1 May 2026, without any prior notice and without any compensation other than the severance allowance provided for in the president and chief executive officer's instrument of appointment.

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106. Despite any contrary provision, no by-law made by the directors of the Centre de la francophonie des Amériques before 1 January 2027 is subject to ratification or approval by the Centre's members.

For the purposes of applying the provisions of Division XIV of Part I of the Companies Act (chapter C-38) to an application for supplementary letters patent made by the Centre before 1 January 2027, the resolution of the Centre's board of directors is substituted for the resolution provided for in section 37 of that Act.

107. The Centre de la francophonie des Amériques must file with the Minister of the French Language its financial statements and an annual report for the fiscal year that began on 1 April 2025, not later than four months following the end of that fiscal year. The financial statements and the annual report must contain all the information required by the Minister.

The Minister tables the financial statements and the annual report in the National Assembly within 30 days after receiving them or, if the Assembly is not sitting, within 30 days of resumption.

The Centre's books and accounts are audited by the Auditor General.

The Auditor General's report must accompany the financial statements and the annual report.

If the continuance provided for in section 104 of this Act is effected after 1 April 2026, the Centre's fiscal year that began on 1 April 2026 ends on the date preceding the date of that continuance. The first and second paragraphs then apply to that fiscal year, with the necessary modifications.

CHAPTER VIII

MINISTER OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE

DIVISION I

FUNCTIONS RELATED TO THE CANADIAN FRANCOPHONIE

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DU CONSEIL EXÉCUTIF

108. Section 3.6.1 of the Act respecting the Ministère du Conseil exécutif (chapter M-30) is repealed.

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CHARTER OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE

109. The Charter of the French language (chapter C-11) is amended by inserting the following section after section 156:

"**156.0.1.** The Minister shall guide and coordinate government action with respect to the Canadian Francophonie in order to promote its vitality and ensure the leading role that Québec plays in promoting and asserting the value of the French language in Canada.

The Minister shall develop, in collaboration with the ministers concerned, and submit for approval to the Government a Québec policy with respect to the Canadian Francophonie."

DIVISION II

SPECIAL TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

110. Québec's policy with respect to the Canadian Francophonie entitled "Pour une francophonie forte, unie et engagée" is deemed to be developed and approved in accordance with section 156.0.1 of the Charter of the French language (chapter C-11), enacted by section 109 of this Act.

TITLE II

SPECIAL FUNDS AND TRUST FUNDS

CHAPTER I

SIMPLIFICATION OF THE MECHANISMS CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN MEASURES FINANCED BY THE EYLECTRIFICATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

DIVISION I

ELECTRIFICATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DES FINANCES

111. Section 4 of the Act respecting the Ministère des Finances (chapter M-24.01) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 1:

"(1.1) table, in the Budget Speech, a comprehensive financial framework for the fight against climate change;".

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ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DES TRANSPORTS

112. Section 12.32 of the Act respecting the Ministère des Transports (chapter M-28), amended by section 249 of chapter 18 of the statutes of 2019, is again amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 2.11:

"(2.11.1) the sums transferred to the Fund by the Minister of Finance under section 15.4.1.2 of the Act respecting the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs; and".

113. Section 12.32.1 of the Act, amended by section 250 of chapter 18 of the statutes of 2019, is again amended by replacing "in paragraph 2.11" in the fourth paragraph by "in paragraphs 2.11 and 2.11.1".

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DU DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE, DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET DES PARCS

114. Section 15.1 of the Act respecting the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs (chapter M-30.001) is amended by replacing "is a party to an agreement entered into under section 15.4.3 or has been entrusted with a mandate under that section" in the fourth paragraph by "has been entrusted with a mandate under section 15.4.3".

115. Section 15.2 of the Act is amended

(1) by adding the following sentence at the end of the second paragraph: "The Minister makes public, on an annual basis, the results obtained and the indicators used to measure the achievement of those results.";

(2) by replacing the third paragraph by the following paragraph:

"The Minister prepares on a yearly basis, in collaboration with the Minister of Finance, a plan for the measures financed by the Fund, including any transfers made under section 15.4.1, and an expenditures plan in that regard, in compliance with the government objectives established for that purpose."

116. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 15.4.1.1:

"**15.4.1.2.** The Government determines, out of the surpluses of the Fund,

(1) the amount to be transferred by the Minister of Finance into the Generations Fund established by section 2 of the Act to reduce the debt and establish the Generations Fund (chapter R-2.2.0.1); and

(2) the amount to be transferred by the Minister of Finance into the Land Transportation Network Fund established by section 12.30 of the Act respecting the Ministère des Transports (chapter M-28).

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The amount provided for in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph is credited to the Generations Fund as if it were covered by section 4 of the Act to reduce the debt and establish the Generations Fund.

The amount provided for in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph is allocated to the financing of the measures and programs referred to in the second paragraph of section 15.4.1."

117. Section 15.4.2 of the Act is repealed.

118. Section 15.4.3 of the Act is amended

(1) by striking out the first paragraph;

(2) in the second paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "may also entrust" by "may entrust";

(*b*) by inserting the following sentence after the first sentence: "The minister may debit the sums required for those measures as well as for the administrative costs related to the implementation of those measures from the Fund.";

(3) by replacing the third paragraph by the following paragraph:

"Every mandate must be made public and specify the amount of the sums required for the measures covered by it.";

(4) by striking out "for which he or it debits sums from the Fund" in the fourth paragraph.

119. Section 15.4.4 of the Act is amended by striking out subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph.

ENVIRONMENT QUALITY ACT

120. Section 46.18 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) is replaced by the following section:

"**46.18.** Every year, the Minister publishes the greenhouse gas emissions inventory for the year that occurred two years before the year of publication."

AUDITOR GENERAL ACT

121. Section 43.1 of the Auditor General Act (chapter V-5.01) is amended, in the first paragraph,

(1) by replacing "a year" in the introductory clause by "every five years";

(2) by striking out subparagraph 4.

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122. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 43.1:

"**43.2.** Under the authority of the Auditor General, the Sustainable Development Commissioner shall prepare, every three years, a report stating, to the extent deemed appropriate by the Commissioner, the Commissioner's findings and recommendations respecting the management of the Electrification and Climate Change Fund established under section 15.1 of the Act respecting the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs (chapter M-30.001).

The Auditor General shall include the findings and recommendations in the annual or special report that he prepares for the National Assembly under section 42 or 45, as the case may be."

DIVISION II

SPECIAL MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

123. Out of the surpluses of the Electrification and Climate Change Fund, established by section 15.1 of the Act respecting the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs (chapter M-30.001), the Minister of Finance transfers to the Generations Fund, established by section 2 of the Act to reduce the debt and establish the Generations Fund (chapter R-2.2.0.1), a sum corresponding to the accumulated surplus established on 31 March 2026, excluding the sums collected by the Minister of the Environment, the Fight against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks in accordance with section 46.8.1 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2).

124. The sum referred to in section 123 of this Act is credited to the Generations Fund as if it were covered by section 4 of the Act to reduce the debt and establish the Generations Fund (chapter R-2.2.0.1).

125. The first report referred to in section 43.2 of the Auditor General Act (chapter V-5.01), enacted by section 122 of this Act, must be prepared from 1 April 2028.

CHAPTER II

PARENTAL INSURANCE FUND

DIVISION I

TRANSFER OF THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS
OF THE PARENTAL INSURANCE PLAN TO RETRAITE QUÉBEC

ACT RESPECTING PARENTAL INSURANCE

126. Section 30 of the Act respecting parental insurance (chapter A-29.011) is amended

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(1) by replacing "of the Conseil de gestion, unless the debtor and the Minister" in the first paragraph by "of Retraite Québec, unless the debtor and Retraite Québec";

(2) by replacing "The Minister" in the second paragraph by "Retraite Québec".

127. Section 33 of the Act is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

"However, Retraite Québec must, at the Minister's request, deduct from benefits payable to a person under this Act the amount repayable under section 90 of the Individual and Family Assistance Act (chapter A-13.1.1). Retraite Québec remits the amount so deducted to the Minister."

128. Section 34 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "the Minister" in the first paragraph by "Retraite Québec";

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

"Retraite Québec may, in the context of the communication of information under section 84, consider that a change in situation has been notified to it under the first paragraph."

129. Section 35 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "The Minister" in the first paragraph by "Retraite Québec";

(2) by replacing "The Minister may, during his inquiry, suspend the payment of benefits if he" and "by the Minister" in the second paragraph by "Retraite Québec may, during the inquiry, suspend the payment of benefits if it" and "by Retraite Québec", respectively.

130. Section 38 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "the Conseil de gestion" in the first paragraph by "Retraite Québec";

(2) by replacing "to the Minister within the time, on the conditions and in the circumstances determined in a regulation of the Conseil de gestion" in the second paragraph by "to Retraite Québec within the time, on the conditions and in the circumstances determined by the regulation".

131. Sections 80 and 81 of the Act are replaced by the following sections:

"**80.** Retraite Québec shall administer the parental insurance plan.

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For that purpose, Retraite Québec must, in particular,

(1) ensure the funding of the parental insurance plan;

(2) ensure the payment of the benefits payable under the plan;

(3) administer the Parental Insurance Fund as trustee; and

(4) carry out any mandate entrusted to it by the Government.

"**81.** For the purposes of the administration of the parental insurance plan, Retraite Québec shall exercise, in addition to its functions and powers under this Act, those conferred on it by the Act respecting Retraite Québec (chapter R-26.3)."

132. Section 82 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "The Conseil de gestion or the Minister" in the first paragraph by "Retraite Québec";

(2) by striking out the second paragraph.

133. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 82:

"**82.1.** With the authorization of the Minister, Retraite Québec may, by agreement with any government, a department or body of such a government, or with any person, association or partnership, transfer its expertise and the products it develops or causes to be developed in the exercise of its functions. Retraite Québec may also, with the same authorization, offer services related to its expertise or these products.

Retraite Québec may, within the framework of such an agreement, incur expenses. Any amounts collected in the carrying out of such an agreement form part of Retraite Québec's revenues."

134. Section 85 of the Act is repealed.

135. Section 88 of the Act is amended,

(1) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "the Conseil de gestion" in the introductory clause by "Retraite Québec";

(*b*) by replacing "the Minister and an application" in subparagraph 1 by "Retraite Québec, in particular an application";

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

"With the exception of a regulation referred to in any of sections 88.0.1 to 88.0.3, the regulations of Retraite Québec require the approval of the Government, which may approve them with or without amendment."

136. Section 88.0.1 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "At the Minister's request, the Conseil de gestion must, by regulation," in the first paragraph by "Retraite Québec may, by regulation,";

(2) by replacing "il" in the introductory clause of the second paragraph in the French text by "elle";

(3) by striking out "of the Conseil de gestion" in the third paragraph.

137. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 88.0.3:

"**88.0.4.** A regulation referred to in any of sections 88.0.1 to 88.0.3 requires the approval of the Minister, who may approve it with or without amendment."

138. The heading of Chapter VI of the Act is replaced by the following heading:

"FINANCIAL PROVISIONS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE PARENTAL INSURANCE FUND".

139. Divisions I and II of Chapter VI of the Act, comprising sections 89 to 110, are repealed.

140. The Act is amended by striking out the following before section 111:

"**DIVISION III**
"FINANCIAL PROVISIONS".

141. Sections 113 and 114 of the Act are repealed.

142. Section 115 of the Act is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

"The sums at the disposal of Retraite Québec in connection with the administration of the parental insurance plan shall be used exclusively for the purposes of this Act and the payment of the obligations resulting from it."

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143. The Act is amended by striking out the following before section 115.1:

"**DIVISION III.1**
"PARENTAL INSURANCE FUND".

144. Sections 115.2, 115.3 and 115.5 of the Act are repealed.

145. Sections 115.13 and 115.14 of the Act are repealed.

146. Section 115.16 of the Act is amended by replacing "Not later than 30 April each year, the Conseil de gestion" in the first paragraph by "Not later than 30 June each year, Retraite Québec".

147. Section 115.18 of the Act is repealed.

148. Division IV of Chapter VI of the Act, comprising sections 116 to 120, is repealed.

ACT RESPECTING RETRAITE QUÉBEC

149. The Act respecting Retraite Québec (chapter R-26.3) is amended by inserting the following section after section 3.1:

"**3.1.1.** The function of Retraite Québec is also to administer the parental insurance plan established by the Act respecting parental insurance (chapter A-29.011)."

150. Section 40.1 of the Act is amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 1:

"(1.1) formulating and submitting to the board of directors the investment policy for the parental insurance plan;".

151. Section 57 of the Act is amended by inserting "except the parental insurance plan" at the end of subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph.

152. Section 64 of the Act is amended by inserting ", except the parental insurance plan" at the end.

153. Section 65 of the Act is amended by inserting "or the parental insurance plan" after "Québec Pension Plan" in the second paragraph.

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DIVISION II

SPECIAL AMENDING PROVISIONS

ACT RESPECTING INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES

154. Section 42.1 of the Act respecting industrial accidents and occupational diseases (chapter A-3.001) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"The Commission and Retraite Québec shall enter into an agreement for the communication of the information required for the purposes of the Act respecting parental insurance (chapter A-29.011)."

155. Section 42.2 of the Act is repealed.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT

156. Schedule 2 to the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001) is amended by striking out "Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale, in the exercise of its non-fiduciary functions".

TAX ADMINISTRATION ACT

157. Section 69.1 of the Tax Administration Act (chapter A-6.002) is amended, in the second paragraph,

(1) by striking out subparagraph *j*.1;

(2) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph 3 of subparagraph *n*:

"(4) is required to establish a person's entitlement to benefits under the Act respecting parental insurance (chapter A-29.011);".

ACT RESPECTING THE GOVERNANCE OF STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

158. Schedule I to the Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises (chapter G-1.02) is amended by striking out "Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale".

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ACT RESPECTING THE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE INFORMATION RESOURCES OF PUBLIC BODIES AND GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES

159. Section 2 of the Act respecting the governance and management of the information resources of public bodies and government enterprises (chapter G-1.03) is amended by striking out "the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale in the performance of its fiduciary functions," in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph.

ACT RESPECTING THE LAICITY OF THE STATE

160. Schedule II to the Act respecting the laicity of the State (chapter L-0.3) is amended by striking out "the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale," in paragraphs 6 and 8.

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DE L'EMPLOI ET DE LA SOLIDARITÉ SOCIALE AND THE COMMISSION DES PARTENAIRES DU MARCHÉ DU TRAVAIL

161. Section 53.1 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale and the Commission des partenaires du marché du travail (chapter M-15.001) is amended by striking out "or section 88.1 of the Act respecting parental insurance (chapter A-29.011)" and ", section 88.3 of the Act respecting parental insurance".

ACT RESPECTING THE REPRESENTATION OF FAMILY-TYPE RESOURCES AND CERTAIN INTERMEDIATE RESOURCES AND THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS FOR THEIR GROUP AGREEMENTS

162. Section 128 of the Act respecting the representation of family-type resources and certain intermediate resources and the negotiation process for their group agreements (chapter R-24.0.2) is repealed.

ACT RESPECTING OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

163. Section 174.1 of the Act respecting occupational health and safety (chapter S-2.1) is amended by striking out "and the Act respecting parental insurance (chapter A-29.011)".

164. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 174.1:

"**174.1.1.** The Commission and Retraite Québec shall enter into an agreement for the communication of the information required for the purposes of the Act respecting parental insurance (chapter A-29.011)."

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REGULATION UNDER THE ACT RESPECTING PARENTAL INSURANCE

165. Section 1 of the Regulation under the Act respecting parental insurance (chapter A-29.011, r. 2) is amended

(1) by replacing "the Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity" by "Retraite Québec";

(2) by replacing "the Minister" by "Retraite Québec";

(3) by striking out "by the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale".

166. Section 11 of the Regulation is amended by striking out "Department's".

167. Section 31.2 of the Regulation is amended by replacing "the Minister" in the second paragraph by "Retraite Québec".

168. Section 32 of the Regulation is amended by replacing "the Minister's" in the introductory clause of the first paragraph by "Retraite Québec's".

169. Division X of the Regulation, comprising section 50, is repealed.

INTERNAL BY-LAW NO. 2 RESPECTING THE DELEGATION OF SIGNING AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN DOCUMENTS OF THE CONSEIL DE GESTION DE L'ASSURANCE PARENTALE

170. Internal by-law No. 2 respecting the delegation of signing authority for certain documents of the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale (chapter A-29.011, r. 3.1) is repealed.

DIVISION III

SPECIAL TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

171. The Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale is dissolved without any formalities other than those provided for in this chapter.

172. The terms of office of the members of the board of directors of the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale end on 1 May 2026, without compensation.

173. The term of office of the president and chief executive officer of the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale ends on 1 May 2026, without compensation.

The president and chief executive officer is reinstated in the public service under the conditions governing an eventual return to the public service set out in the president and chief executive officer's instrument of appointment.

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174. The employees of the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale become, without further formality, employees of Retraite Québec.

175. The employees of the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale assigned to the activities related to the administration of the parental insurance plan and identified by the Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity become, without further formality, from the date or dates determined by the latter and not later than 1 May 2027, employees of Retraite Québec.

Retraite Québec and the Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity enter into an agreement to ensure the continuity, by the Minister, of the activities related to the administration of the parental insurance plan and to facilitate the transition until the transfer of the employees provided for in the first paragraph.

176. Retraite Québec must, not later than 30 June 2026, file the financial statements and the annual management report of the Parental Insurance Fund and the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale provided for in sections 115.16 and 117 of the Act respecting parental insurance (chapter A-29.011) for the fiscal year that began on 1 January 2025.

Retraite Québec must, not later than 1 December 2026, file the financial statements of the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale for the period from 1 January 2026 to 30 April 2026. The financial statements must contain all the information required by the Minister. The Minister tables the financial statements in the National Assembly not later than 1 January 2027 or, if the Assembly is not sitting, within 30 days of resumption.

177. Unless the context indicates otherwise, in any Act or regulation, including an Act or a regulation amended by this Act, and in any order or other document, a reference to the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale is a reference to Retraite Québec, with the necessary modifications.

178. A reference to the Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity is, with the necessary modifications, a reference to Retraite Québec in the following provisions:

(1) the provisions of sections 13, 25.1, 28, 29, 31 to 32, 36, 37, 39 to 42, 84, 88.1, 88.3 to 88.5 and 121 of the Act respecting parental insurance (chapter A-29.011);

(2) the provisions of section 1 of the Regulation under section 108 of the Act to amend the Act respecting parental insurance and other legislative provisions (chapter A-29.011, r. 1);

(3) the provisions of sections 3, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20, 23, 31.1, 31.3, 35, 39, 40 and 51 to 53 of the Regulation under the Act respecting parental insurance (chapter A-29.011, r. 2); and

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(4) the provisions of the Regulation respecting certain transitional measures relating to the calculation of average insurable earnings and to the earnings threshold for the purposes of parental insurance (chapter A-29.011, r. 4).

Similarly, unless the context indicates otherwise, in any order or any other document, a reference to the Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity relating to the Minister's administration of the parental insurance plan is a reference to Retraite Québec.

179. The rights and obligations of the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale become those of Retraite Québec.

The rights and obligations of the Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity set out in an agreement entered into between the Minister and Retraite Québec become those of Retraite Québec.

180. Retraite Québec becomes, without continuance of suit, a party to all proceedings to which the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale was a party.

The same applies to all proceedings relating to the administration of the parental insurance plan to which the Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity was a party, unless there is an agreement to the contrary between the Minister and Retraite Québec.

CHAPTER III

OTHER SPECIAL FUNDS

DIVISION I

ABOLITION OF THE UNIVERSITY EXCELLENCE AND PERFORMANCE FUND

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT SUPÉRIEUR, DE LA RECHERCHE, DE LA SCIENCE ET DE LA TECHNOLOGIE

181. Chapter III of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie (chapter M-15.1.0.1), comprising sections 17 to 20, is repealed.

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DIVISION II

ABOLITION OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES FUND OF THE MINISTÈRE DE L'EMPLOI ET DE LA SOLIDARITÉ SOCIALE

ORDER IN COUNCIL 1540-96 DATED 11 DECEMBER 1996

182. Order in Council 1540-96 dated 11 December 1996 (French only), amended by Orders in Council 336-97 dated 19 March 1997 (French only), 582-98 dated 29 April 1998 (French only), 310-99 dated 31 March 1999 (French only), 349-2000 dated 29 March 2000 (French only), 537-2004 dated 9 June 2004 (French only), 440-2005 dated 11 May 2005 (French only) and 953-2011 dated 14 September 2011 (French only), concerning the Information Technologies Fund of the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale, is repealed.

DIVISION III

SPECIAL MISCELLANEOUS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

183. The assets and liabilities of the University Excellence and Performance Fund and those of the Information Technologies Fund of the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale are transferred to the general fund of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

However, the long-term loans of the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity, as the person responsible for the Information Technologies Fund, from the Financing Fund are deemed to be loans by the Minister of Finance referred to in section 10 of the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001) and confusion is effected within the meaning of article 1683 of the Civil Code.

In addition, the money required for the purpose of repaying the short-term loans of the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity, as the person responsible for the Information Technologies Fund, from the Minister of Finance, as the person responsible for the Financing Fund, are taken out of the general fund of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

184. In any document, a reference to the University Excellence and Performance Fund or to the Information Technologies Fund of the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale is deemed unwritten.

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CHAPTER IV

ASSISTANCE FUND FOR INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY ACTION AND QUÉBEC FUND FOR SOCIAL INITIATIVES

DIVISION I

AMALGAMATION OF THE ASSISTANCE FUND FOR INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY ACTION WITH THE QUÉBEC FUND FOR SOCIAL INITIATIVES

ACT TO COMBAT POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION

185. Section 1 of the Act to combat poverty and social exclusion (chapter L-7) is amended, in the third paragraph,

(1) by replacing "Fonds québécois d'initiatives sociales" by "Québec Fund for Social Initiatives and Community Action";

(2) by inserting the following at the end: "and to community action assistance and, subsidiarily, international humanitarian assistance".

186. The heading of Chapter VI of the Act is amended by adding "AND COMMUNITY ACTION" at the end.

187. Section 46 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting "and Community Action" after "Initiatives";

(2) by inserting "and to financing assistance for community action and, subsidiarily, international humanitarian assistance" after "exclusion".

188. Section 48 of the Act is amended by replacing "the contributions" in paragraph 3 by "the gifts, legacies and other contributions".

189. Section 52 of the Act is amended

(1) in paragraph 1,

(*a*) by inserting "social," after "support";

(*b*) by striking out ", the awarding standards of which have been approved by the Government, in particular, to enable an adapted implementation of those initiatives";

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

"(4) the financial assistance payments to support community action, including those made on behalf of government departments to enable them to intensify their operations for that purpose, and the payments made for the purposes of international humanitarian assistance out of the sums not exclusively allocated to community action assistance."

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DU CONSEIL EXÉCUTIF

190. Division III.1 of the Act respecting the Ministère du Conseil exécutif (chapter M-30), comprising sections 3.30 to 3.41, is repealed.

BINGO RULES

191. Section 121 of the Bingo Rules (chapter L-6, r. 5) is amended by inserting "et d'action communautaire" after "sociales" in the second paragraph.

192. Section 132 of the Rules is amended by inserting "et d'action communautaire" after "sociales" in subparagraph 17 of the first paragraph.

DIVISION II

SPECIAL MISCELLANEOUS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

193. The assets and liabilities of the Assistance Fund for Independent Community Action are transferred to the Québec Fund for Social Initiatives and Community Action established by section 46 of the Act to combat poverty and social exclusion (chapter L-7), amended by section 187 of this Act.

194. In any document, a reference to the Assistance Fund for Independent Community Action or to the Québec Fund for Social Initiatives is a reference to the Québec Fund for Social Initiatives and Community Action established by section 46 of the Act to combat poverty and social exclusion (chapter L-7), amended by section 187 of this Act.

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TITLE III

TRIBUNALS AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES

CHAPTER I

COMMISSION DE LA FONCTION PUBLIQUE

DIVISION I

TRANSFER OF THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION DE LA FONCTION PUBLIQUE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LABOUR TRIBUNAL

PUBLIC SERVICE ACT

195. The heading of Division IV of Chapter II of the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1) is replaced by the following heading:

"RECOURSE".

196. Section 33 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "appeal to the Commission de la fonction publique from" in the introductory clause of the first paragraph by "contest before the Administrative Labour Tribunal";

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

"Such a recourse must be exercised within 30 days of receipt of the decision."

197. Section 34 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

"**34.** In addition to the powers conferred on it by the Act to establish the Administrative Labour Tribunal (chapter T-15.1), where the Administrative Labour Tribunal upholds the demotion of a public servant or reduces a dismissal to a demotion, it may order that the public servant be demoted to a class of positions determined by the Chair of the Conseil du trésor, having regard to his qualifications."

198. Section 43 of the Act is amended by striking out the third paragraph.

199. Section 70 of the Act is amended by replacing "Commission de la fonction publique" in the introductory clause of the first paragraph by "Administrative Labour Tribunal".

200. Section 83 of the Act is amended by striking out ", after consulting the Commission de la fonction publique," in the first paragraph.

201. Section 84 of the Act is repealed.

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202. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 102:

"**103.** The Chair of the Conseil du trésor may conduct an audit to verify a department's or body's compliance with the provisions of this Act, in particular those relating to the implementation of selection processes by deputy ministers and chief executive officers. The Chair may designate, in writing, a person to conduct the audit.

A department or body being audited must, at the request of the Chair of the Conseil du trésor or the designated person, send or otherwise make available to the Chair or the designated person all documents and information considered necessary for the audit.

"**104.** The Chair of the Conseil du trésor makes any recommendations the Chair considers appropriate to the Conseil du trésor. The latter may then require the department or body to take corrective measures, conduct any appropriate follow-up and comply with any other measure determined by the Conseil du trésor, including oversight or support measures.

"**104.1.** Sections 103 and 104 do not apply to the National Assembly."

203. Division III of Chapter V of the Act, comprising sections 105 to 125, is repealed.

204. The Act is amended by inserting the following chapter after section 125:

"**CHAPTER V.1**

"INQUIRIES

"**125.1.** In addition to hearing the proceedings of public servants provided for by this Act, the Administrative Labour Tribunal conducts inquiries into

(1) the impartiality and fairness of the decisions made under this Act and under sections 30 to 36 of the Public Administration Act (chapter A-6.01) which affect public servants; and

(2) whether the recruitment and promotion of public servants is in compliance with the Act and the regulations thereunder.

On completion of an inquiry, the Tribunal makes, if applicable, recommendations to the department or body concerned in an inquiry report.

The Tribunal must also conduct an inquiry when the Chair of the Conseil du trésor requests it. It must then report on its inquiry to the Chair of the Conseil du trésor.

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Where a department or a body does not comply, within a reasonable time, with the recommendations contained in an inquiry report, the Tribunal may make the report public."

205. Section 127 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

"**127.** The Government determines, by regulation, the matters with regard to which recourses may be exercised by public servants who are not governed by a collective agreement and for whom no recourse is provided in those matters under this Act.

Such a recourse must be exercised before the Administrative Labour Tribunal within 30 days of the event that gives rise to it."

ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ADMINISTRATIVE LABOUR TRIBUNAL

206. Section 1 of the Act to establish the Administrative Labour Tribunal (chapter T-15.1) is amended by replacing "8" in the second paragraph by "8.1".

207. Section 4 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "four" by "five";

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"— the public service division."

208. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 8:

"**8.1.** The following are heard and decided by the public service division:

(1) matters arising from the enforcement of section 33 or a regulation under section 127 of the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1);

(2) matters arising from the enforcement of section 31.1 of the Act respecting the Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions (chapter D-9.1.1);

(3) matters arising from the enforcement of section 81.20.1 of the Act respecting labour standards (chapter N-1.1); and

(4) matters arising from the enforcement of section 16 of the Act respecting the process for determining the remuneration of criminal and penal prosecuting attorneys and respecting their collective bargaining plan (chapter P-27.1).

"**8.2.** The public service division also exercises the inquiry functions assigned to the Tribunal under section 125.1 of the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1).

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"**8.3.** The public service division keeps a records office whose function is to manage, in accordance with the collective agreements binding the Government and the associations certified under Chapter IV of the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1), the grievances filed by unionized public servants that are set down for arbitration."

209. Section 10 of the Act is amended by adding the following sentence at the end: "The same holds for the investigators appointed under section 88.1."

210. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 88:

"**88.1.** The president appoints investigators charged with conducting the inquiries set out in section 125.1 of the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1) and making recommendations to the department or body concerned in an inquiry report, if applicable."

DIVISION II

SPECIAL AMENDING PROVISIONS

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT

211. Schedule 1 to the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001) is amended by striking out "Commission de la fonction publique".

TAX ADMINISTRATION ACT

212. Section 69.9 of the Tax Administration Act (chapter A-6.002) is amended by replacing "an appeal before the Commission de la fonction publique" in subparagraph *f* of the first paragraph by "a recourse exercised".

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ACT

213. Section 249 of the Public Administration Act (chapter A-6.01) is repealed.

CHARTER OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE

214. Section 13 of the Charter of the French language (chapter C-11) is amended by striking out "or the Commission de la fonction publique" in the second paragraph.

LABOUR CODE

215. Section 1 of the Labour Code (chapter C-27) is amended, in paragraph *l*,

(1) by striking out ", of the Commission de la Fonction publique" in subparagraph 3;

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(2) by replacing "or 87" in subparagraph 7 by ", 87 or 88.1".

ACT RESPECTING THE DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL AND PENAL PROSECUTIONS

216. Sections 6 and 6.1 of the Act respecting the Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions (chapter D-9.1.1) are amended by replacing all occurrences of "the Commission de la fonction publique" by "the Ethics Commissioner".

217. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 6.1:

"**6.2.** The Ethics Commissioner is responsible for reporting in writing to the Minister, after conducting an inquiry, on whether there is sufficient cause to dismiss or to suspend without remuneration the Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions or a Deputy Director as provided for in sections 6 and 6.1.

For the conduct of such an inquiry, the Commissioner and the persons the Commissioner designates for that purpose 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."

218. The Act is amended by inserting the following subdivision after section 31:

"§3. — *Recourse*

"**31.1.** A chief attorney or an assistant chief attorney may contest before the Administrative Labour Tribunal a decision informing him or her of

(1) his or her demotion;

(2) his or her dismissal;

(3) disciplinary action; or

(4) his or her being provisionally relieved of his or her duties.

Such a recourse must be exercised within 30 days of receipt of the decision."

ACT RESPECTING THE LAICITY OF THE STATE

219. Schedule II to the Act respecting the laicity of the State (chapter L-0.3) is amended by striking out "the Commission de la fonction publique," in paragraph 3.

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ANTI-CORRUPTION ACT

220. Sections 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 of the Anti-Corruption Act (chapter L-6.1) are amended by replacing all occurrences of "the Commission de la fonction publique" by "the Ethics Commissioner".

221. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 5.2.2:

"**5.2.3.** The Ethics Commissioner is responsible for reporting in writing to the Minister, after conducting an inquiry, on whether there is sufficient cause to dismiss or to suspend without remuneration the Anti-Corruption Commissioner or an Associate Commissioner as provided for in sections 5.2.1, 5.2.2 and 8.2.

For the conduct of such an inquiry, the Ethics Commissioner and the persons the Ethics Commissioner designates for that purpose 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."

222. Section 8.2 of the Act is amended by replacing "the Commission de la fonction publique" in the third paragraph by "the Ethics Commissioner".

ACT RESPECTING LABOUR STANDARDS

223. Section 3 of the Act respecting labour standards (chapter N-1.1) is amended by replacing "81.20" in paragraph 6 by "81.20.1".

224. Section 81.20 of the Act is amended by striking out the third and fourth paragraphs.

225. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 81.20:

"**81.20.1.** The provisions of sections 81.18, 81.19, 123.15, 123.16 and 123.17 are, with the necessary modifications, deemed to form part of the conditions of employment of every employee appointed under the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1) who is not governed by a collective agreement.

Such an employee must exercise the applicable recourse before the Administrative Labour Tribunal within the time limit referred to in section 123.7. The provisions provided for in section 123.14 apply to such a recourse, with the necessary modifications.

This section also applies to the members and officers of bodies, as well as to the chief attorneys and assistant chief attorneys of the Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions."

226. Sections 140 and 141 of the Act are amended by inserting "81.20.1," after all occurrences of "81.20,".

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POLICE ACT

227. Sections 56.5 and 56.5.1 of the Police Act (chapter P-13.1) are amended by replacing all occurrences of "Commission de la fonction publique" by "Ethics Commissioner".

228. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 56.5.1:

"**56.5.2.** The Ethics Commissioner is responsible for reporting in writing to the Minister, after conducting an inquiry, on whether there is sufficient cause to dismiss or to suspend without remuneration the Director General as provided for in sections 56.5 and 56.5.1.

For the conduct of such an inquiry, the Commissioner and the persons the Commissioner designates for that purpose 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."

ACT RESPECTING THE PROCESS FOR DETERMINING THE REMUNERATION OF CRIMINAL AND PENAL PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS AND RESPECTING THEIR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PLAN

229. Section 16 of the Act respecting the process for determining the remuneration of criminal and penal prosecuting attorneys and respecting their collective bargaining plan (chapter P-27.1) is amended

(1) by replacing "Commission de la fonction publique" in the first paragraph by "Administrative Labour Tribunal";

(2) by striking out the second paragraph;

(3) by replacing "Commission" in the third paragraph by "Tribunal".

ACT RESPECTING THE CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION PLAN

230. Schedule I to the Act respecting the Civil Service Superannuation Plan (chapter R-12) is amended by striking out "the Commission de la fonction publique" in paragraph 2.

RÈGLEMENT SUR LA PREUVE ET LA PROCÉDURE DE LA COMMISSION DE LA FONCTION PUBLIQUE

231. The Règlement sur la preuve et la procédure de la Commission de la fonction publique (chapter F-3.1.1, r. 3.01, French only) is repealed.

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RÈGLEMENT INTÉRIEUR DE LA COMMISSION
DE LA FONCTION PUBLIQUE

232. The Règlement intérieur de la Commission de la fonction publique (chapter F-3.1.1, r. 5.2, French only) is repealed.

REGULATION RESPECTING AN APPEALS PROCEDURE
FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS NOT GOVERNED
BY A COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

233. The title of the Regulation respecting an appeals procedure for public servants not governed by a collective agreement (chapter F-3.1.1, r. 5) is amended by replacing "an appeals procedure" by "recourse matters".

234. The heading of Division II of the Regulation is amended by replacing "APPEALABLE" by "RECOURSE".

235. Section 2 of the Regulation is amended by replacing "An appeal" in the introductory clause by "Recourse".

236. Divisions III to VII of the Regulation, comprising sections 3 to 21, are repealed.

DIVISION III

SPECIAL MISCELLANEOUS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

237. In any Act, the expressions "bring an appeal under section 33 of the Public Service Act" and "appeal therefrom in accordance with section 33 of the Public Service Act" are replaced by the expression "exercise the recourse provided for in section 33 of the Public Service Act".

238. The Commission de la fonction publique is dissolved without any formalities other than those provided for in this chapter.

239. The Administrative Labour Tribunal acquires the rights and assumes the obligations of the Commission de la fonction publique with regard to the functions conferred on the Tribunal by this Act. The Tribunal becomes, without continuance of suit, a party to all proceedings to which the Commission de la fonction publique was a party.

The secretariat of the Conseil du trésor acquires the rights and assumes the obligations of the Commission de la fonction publique with regard to the functions conferred on the Chair of the Conseil du trésor by this Act.

The Ethics Commissioner acquires the rights and assumes the obligations of the Commission de la fonction publique with regard to the functions conferred on the Ethics Commissioner by this Act.

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240. The chair of the Commission de la fonction publique becomes, on 1 October 2026, for the unexpired portion of her term, a member of the Administrative Labour Tribunal without an administrative office assigned to the public service division, with the same salary. If her term is renewed, her salary may not exceed the maximum of the salary scale applicable to the members of the Tribunal despite section 63 of the Act to establish the Administrative Labour Tribunal (chapter T-15.1) and section 6 of the Regulation respecting the remuneration and other conditions of employment of the members of the Administrative Labour Tribunal (chapter T-15.1, r. 2).

Despite the first paragraph, the chair of the Commission de la fonction publique may express her intention to not continue her term as member of the Administrative Labour Tribunal, in which case she must give written prior notice to the Minister of Labour and to the president of the Tribunal not later than 30 September 2026. In that case, she is reinstated among the personnel of the Ministère du Travail on 1 October 2026 with the conditions of employment applicable to her for an eventual return to the public service.

241. The other members of the Commission de la fonction publique become members of the Administrative Labour Tribunal assigned to the public service division.

The term prescribed in section 57 of the Act to establish the Administrative Labour Tribunal (chapter T-15.1) does not affect the terms underway, which continue until the expiry of term provided for, or the terms that have expired.

242. For the purposes of applying section 27 of the Regulation respecting the procedure for the recruiting and selection of persons qualified for appointment as members of the Administrative Labour Tribunal and for the renewal of their term of office (chapter T-15.1, r. 1) to the first renewal of the term of office of a person who has become a member of the Administrative Labour Tribunal under sections 240 and 241 of this Act, the annual performance evaluations include any performance evaluation carried out in respect of the person as a member of the Commission de la fonction publique.

In addition, for the purposes of applying section 25 of that Regulation and section 58 of the Act to establish the Administrative Labour Tribunal (chapter T-15.1) to the first renewal of such a term of office whose expiry is before 1 October 2026, 30 September 2027 replaces the date of expiry of the term of office.

243. For the purposes of section 25 of the Regulation respecting the remuneration and other conditions of employment of the members of the Administrative Labour Tribunal (chapter T-15.1, r. 2), the number of years of continuous service to be considered in computing the transition allowance of a person who becomes a member of the Tribunal under section 241 of this Act is the number of years since the person took office as a member of the Commission de la fonction publique.

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244. The persons who become members of the Administrative Labour Tribunal under section 240 or 241 and whose conditions of employment provide that they are on leave without pay from the secretariat of the Conseil du trésor become, for the course of their term, on full leave without pay from the Ministère du Travail.

Furthermore, they are deemed to have the knowledge and experience required under section 52 of the Act to establish the Administrative Labour Tribunal (chapter T-15.1) and deemed declared qualified for the purposes of section 53 of that Act.

245. The employees of the Commission de la fonction publique become, without further formality, employees of the secretariat of the Conseil du trésor, except

(1) employees assigned to surveillance activities and the records office, identified by the Chair of the Conseil du trésor not later than 30 September 2026, who become employees of the Administrative Labour Tribunal;

(2) employees who belong to the class of positions of communications adviser, who become employees of the Ministère du Conseil exécutif; and

(3) employees who belong to the class of positions of advocate and notary, who become employees of the Ministère de la Justice.

246. Matters pending before the Commission de la fonction publique are continued before the public service division of the Administrative Labour Tribunal.

A matter the hearing of which had already begun or that is under advisement is continued and decided by the member of the Commission de la fonction publique who was assigned to it and who has become a member of the Administrative Labour Tribunal under section 241. If applicable, the same applies to matters that were assigned to a panel of more than one member who have become members of the Administrative Labour Tribunal.

247. Any inquiry of the Commission de la fonction publique in progress is continued by the public service division of the Administrative Labour Tribunal.

248. Despite any inconsistent provision, until the adoption of rules that are applicable to the public service division of the Administrative Labour Tribunal in accordance with section 105 of the Act to establish the Administrative Labour Tribunal (chapter T-15.1), the rules of evidence and procedure that applied to proceedings brought before the Commission de la fonction publique continue to apply to matters under the jurisdiction of the public service division of the Tribunal.

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CHAPTER II

FINANCIAL MARKETS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

DIVISION I

AGREEMENT ON ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

ACT RESPECTING ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE

249. The Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3) is amended by inserting the following section after section 86:

"**86.1.** The Tribunal, according to the terms determined by agreement between the Minister and the Minister of Finance, subject to subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph of section 97, provides the Financial Markets Administrative Tribunal with the administrative services necessary for its activities."

250. Section 97 of the Act, amended by section 35 of chapter 10 of the statues of 2024, is again amended by inserting "and by the Minister of Finance, out of the Financial Markets Administrative Tribunal Fund" after "Individual and Family Assistance Act (chapter A-13.1.1)" in subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph.

DIVISION II

SPECIAL AMENDING PROVISIONS

ACT RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF THE FINANCIAL SECTOR

251. Section 115.15.47 of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (chapter E-6.1) is amended by adding the following sentence at the end: "In addition, the administrative services necessary for the Tribunal's activities are provided by the Administrative Tribunal of Québec, according to the terms determined by an agreement referred to in section 86.1 of the Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3)."

252. Section 115.15.52 of the Act is amended by inserting "and the sums determined by the Government under subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph of section 97 of the Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3)" after "Title".

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ACT TO AMEND MAINLY THE HIGHWAY SAFETY CODE TO INTRODUCE PROVISIONS RELATING TO DETECTION SYSTEMS AND OTHER HIGHWAY SAFETY-RELATED PROVISIONS

253. Section 35 of the Act to amend mainly the Highway Safety Code to introduce provisions relating to detection systems and other highway safety-related provisions (2024, chapter 10) is replaced by the following section:

"**35.** Section 97 of the Act is amended by replacing "and by the Minister of Finance, out of the Financial Markets Administrative Tribunal Fund" in subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph by ", by the Minister of Finance, out of the Financial Markets Administrative Tribunal Fund, and by the Minister of Transport, out of the highway safety fund"."

DIVISION III

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL PROVISION

254. The employees of the Financial Markets Administrative Tribunal become, without further formality, employees of the Administrative Tribunal of Québec, except the employee who exercises the functions of administrative assistant to the president, as well as the secretary and the other employees of the Direction des affaires juridiques et du secrétariat.

CHAPTER III

RÉGIE DES MARCHÉS AGRICOLES ET ALIMENTAIRES DU QUÉBEC

ACT RESPECTING THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL, FOOD AND FISH PRODUCTS

255. Section 7 of the Act respecting the marketing of agricultural, food and fish products (chapter M-35.1) is amended by replacing "three" in the first paragraph by "two".

256. Section 12 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

"**12.** The Régie sits as a panel composed of not fewer than three members.

However, the Régie may designate, to hear and decide a matter,

(1) a panel of two members, if it is a matter brought before it under section 30, 37 or 41;

(2) one member, if it is a matter brought before it under subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 36 or under the first paragraph of section 46 of the Farm Producers Act (chapter P-28); or

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(3) one member, if the Régie considers that the subject matter and the circumstances of the matter justify it."

257. Section 25 of the Act is amended by inserting ", as well as to the conciliation and mediation of a dispute" after "brought before it" in the second paragraph.

258. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 25:

"**25.1.** The conciliator, the mediator and the parties to the conciliation or mediation shall preserve the confidentiality of anything said, written or done in the course of the conciliation or mediation process, unless they agree otherwise.

The conciliator, the mediator and the parties cannot be compelled, in arbitration, administrative or judicial proceedings, whether related or unrelated to the dispute, to disclose anything they hear or learn in the course of the conciliation or mediation process. Nor can the conciliator, the mediator and the parties be compelled to produce a document prepared or obtained in the course of the conciliation or mediation process, unless its disclosure is necessary for the conciliator or the mediator to be able to defend against a claim of professional fault.

No information given or statement made in the course of the conciliation or mediation process may be admitted in evidence in proceedings referred to in the second paragraph.

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 a document contained in the conciliation or mediation record."

259. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 26:

"**26.0.1.** The Régie may, if the subject matter and circumstances of the matter so permit and with the consent of the parties, refer to a mediator designated by the Régie any dispute brought before it, except where the conciliation and arbitration procedure provided in Chapter VII of Title III applies."

260. Section 38 of the Act is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

"The Régie shall give prior notice of the date and place where the observations of the persons subject to the plan or by-law are to be made by any means allowing those persons to be efficiently informed."

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261. Section 51 of the Act is amended by replacing "in a farm journal having general circulation" in the first paragraph by "disseminated by any means allowing the interested persons to be efficiently informed".

262. Section 81 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "publish a notice of its filing in a farm journal having general circulation and give the producers subject to the plan" in the second paragraph by "disseminate a notice of its filing by any means allowing the producers subject to the plan to be efficiently informed and give them";

(2) by replacing "in a farm journal having general circulation" in the fourth paragraph by "disseminate it by any means allowing the producers subject to the plan to be efficiently informed".

263. Section 102.1 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "cause that by-law to be published" by "disseminate that by-law";

(2) by replacing "in a farm journal having general circulation in the territory where the joint plan applies" by "by any means allowing the producers subject to the plan to be efficiently informed".

264. Section 140 of the Act is amended by replacing "cause to be published in a farm journal having general circulation," by "disseminate by any means allowing the interested persons to be efficiently informed".

265. Section 141 of the Act is amended by replacing "in a farm journal having general circulation" by "shall disseminate it by any means allowing the interested persons to be efficiently informed".

266. The heading of Chapter XII of Title III of the Act is replaced by the following heading:

"INVESTIGATION, INSPECTION AND SUBPOENA".

267. Section 165 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

"**165.** The Régie may, with the signature of a person it authorizes, call any person to be examined or to produce a document useful for an investigation or a matter brought before it.

The party who wishes to call a person, for the same purposes, may do so at his expense by means of a subpoena issued by the Régie or a lawyer.

The Régie may require any person to take an oath before being examined. The Régie may, on its own initiative or on request and if circumstances justify it, cancel a subpoena."

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268. Section 172 of the Act is amended by replacing "in a farm journal having general circulation" in the first paragraph by "disseminate it by any means allowing the interested persons to be efficiently informed".

269. Sections 191 and 191.0.7 of the Act are repealed.

270. Section 194 of the Act is amended by replacing "summons" in the introductory clause by "subpoena".

TITLE IV

ACCOUNTABILITY AND PROBATIONARY PERIOD

CHAPTER I

MEASURES APPLICABLE TO ADMINISTRATORS OF STATE AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVANTS AND TO CERTAIN BODIES

PUBLIC SERVICE ACT

271. Section 13 of the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1) is amended

(1) by replacing "six" in the first and second paragraphs by "18";

(2) by inserting "within a single government department or body" after "worked" in the third paragraph;

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

"The Conseil du trésor may determine any other terms or conditions relating to the period."

272. Section 15 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting "within a single government department or body" after "worked" in the second paragraph;

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

"The Conseil du trésor may determine any other terms or conditions relating to the period."

273. Section 33 of the Act is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the third paragraph: "It also does not apply to an administrator of state who is undergoing a probationary period in accordance with section 58.1."

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274. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 55:

"**55.1.** An administrator of state contributes to the accomplishment of the State's mission and to the proper administration of its property. The administrator's contribution must be made regardless of any partisan political considerations, with full accountability and with prudence, diligence, efficiency and fairness."

275. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 58:

"**58.1.** A person who acquires the classification of administrator of state must undergo a probationary period of two years. The probationary period is calculated in days actually worked.

The Government may determine any other terms or conditions relating to the period.

"**58.2.** During the probationary period, the Government may, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, dismiss an administrator of state who was not a public servant with permanent tenure at the time he was appointed administrator of state without other procedure or formality than fifteen days' prior notice in writing."

276. Section 59 of the Act is amended

(1) by adding the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph: "The Government decides the salary the administrator of state is entitled to, which may be a salary included in the salary scale for the class of positions to which the administrator of state is assigned or a higher salary.";

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

"A decision made under this section may not be contested before the Administrative Labour Tribunal."

277. Section 62 of the Act is amended by inserting "in particular if the administrator of state is incompetent or unable to perform his duties" at the end.

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ACT RESPECTING THE GOVERNANCE OF STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

278. The Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises (chapter G-1.02) is amended by inserting the following chapter after section 39.3:

"**CHAPTER VI.1**

"REPORTING RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

"**39.4.** The competent parliamentary committee of the National Assembly must hear at least once every four years the president and chief executive officer of any enterprise that is not a body of the Administration referred to in section 29 of the Public Administration Act (chapter A-6.01) to discuss the administrative management of the enterprise."

HYDRO-QUÉBEC ACT

279. The Hydro-Québec Act (chapter H-5) is amended by inserting the following division after section 21.5:

"**DIVISION II.8**

"REPORTING RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

"**21.6.** The competent parliamentary committee of the National Assembly must hear at least once every four years the president and chief executive officer of the Company to discuss the administrative management of the Company."

ACT RESPECTING THE RÉGIE DE L'ÉNERGIE

280. The Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (chapter R-6.01) is amended by inserting the following chapter after section 109:

"**CHAPTER VIII.1**

"REPORTING RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT MATTERS

"**109.0.1.** The competent parliamentary committee of the National Assembly shall hear the chairman of the Régie at least once every four years to discuss the administrative management of the Régie."

ACT RESPECTING THE PENSION PLAN OF MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

281. Schedule I to the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel (chapter R-12.1) is amended by striking out section 7.1.

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ACT RESPECTING LABOUR RELATIONS, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

282. The Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry (chapter R-20) is amended by inserting the following section after section 11:

"**12.** The competent parliamentary committee of the National Assembly must hear at least once every four years the president and chief executive officer of the Commission to discuss the administrative management of the Commission."

ACT RESPECTING THE SOCIÉTÉ DE L'ASSURANCE AUTOMOBILE DU QUÉBEC

283. Section 10 of the Act respecting the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (chapter S-11.011) is amended by inserting ", employee benefits" after "remuneration".

284. Section 12 of the Act is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

"The Government shall appoint vice-presidents and determine their remuneration, employee benefits and other conditions of employment. The vice-presidents shall hold office on a full-time basis under the authority of the president and chief executive officer."

285. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 12:

"**12.1.** The terms of office of the vice-presidents shall not exceed five years.

At the expiry of their terms, they remain in office until replaced or reappointed."

ACT RESPECTING THE SOCIÉTÉ DES ALCOOLS DU QUÉBEC

286. Section 23.16 of the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec (chapter S-13) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"(8) for the purposes of section 39.4 of that Act, the competent parliamentary committee of the National Assembly is that which may hear the Société."

REGULATION RESPECTING THE ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICE HOLDERS

287. Section 4 of the Regulation respecting the ethics and professional conduct of public office holders (chapter M-30, r. 1) is amended by inserting "with full accountability, and" after "law," in the second paragraph.

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CHAPTER II

SPECIAL MISCELLANEOUS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

288. Sections 13 and 15 of the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1), amended by sections 271 and 272 of this Act, apply only in respect of persons recruited or promoted, as the case may be, after 2 April 2026.

289. The provisions of section 55.1 of the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1), enacted by section 274 of this Act, are deemed part of the conditions of employment of every person engaged by contract in accordance with section 57 of the Act before 2 April 2026.

290. Despite any incompatible provision of an order, where a new classification is assigned under section 59 of the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1) to an administrator of state appointed before 1 April 2020, the Government may decide the salary that person is entitled to and no compensation may be claimed following such a decision.

291. The terms of office of the vice-presidents of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec in office on 2 April 2026 are continued on the same conditions as if they had been appointed by the Government and end on 30 April 2027, without prior notice and without compensation other than the allowance provided for in their conditions of employment.

The Government or the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec may, however, terminate such a term of office before 30 April 2027, without prior notice and without compensation other than the prior notice and the allowance provided for in the conditions of employment of the vice-president concerned.

Despite section 281 of this Act, the position of vice-president of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec remains non-unionizable employment designated in Schedule I to the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel (chapter R-12.1) in respect of the vice-presidents referred to in this section, until the end of their terms of office.

TITLE V

OTHER MEASURES TO REDUCE BUREAUCRACY AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

CHAPTER I

HÉMA-QUÉBEC

ACT RESPECTING HÉMA-QUÉBEC AND THE BIOVIGILANCE COMMITTEE

292. The Act respecting Héma-Québec and the biovigilance committee (chapter H-1.1) is amended by inserting the following section after section 5:

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"**5.1.** The Government may, on the conditions it determines, authorize Héma-Québec to delegate the exercise of all or some of its functions to a legal person, association or partnership.

Such a delegation must be the subject of a written agreement between Héma-Québec and the person, association or partnership. The agreement must provide that

(1) sections 31 to 37 apply, with the necessary modifications, to the person, association or partnership, as concerns the functions delegated to it, as if it were Héma-Québec; and

(2) the Auditor General exercises with respect to the person, association or partnership, as concerns the functions delegated to it, the same functions and powers as those the Auditor General may exercise with respect to Héma-Québec."

293. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 30:

"**30.1.** Héma-Québec may, with the Government's authorization and on the conditions the Government determines, acquire, hold or dispose of shares, other securities or a right of ownership in the assets of a legal person, association or partnership to which it delegates all or some of its functions under section 5.1.

The Government may fix, where applicable, the use of any revenues generated by such an acquisition, holding or disposal."

CHAPTER II

ENTERPRISES' AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT

DIVISION I

WITHDRAWAL OF THE OBLIGATION TO RENEW AN AUTHORIZATION

ACT RESPECTING CONTRACTING BY PUBLIC BODIES

294. Section 21.24 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies (chapter C-65.1) is amended

(1) by replacing "; the Authority may consider a shorter period if it is satisfied that the enterprise has taken the necessary corrective measures" in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by "or in a shorter period determined by the Authority";

(2) by striking out the second paragraph.

295. Section 21.26 of the Act is amended by striking out "or renew".

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296. Section 21.27 of the Act is amended by striking out "or to renew" in the first paragraph.

297. Section 21.31 of the Act is amended by striking out "or for renewal".

298. Section 21.36 of the Act is amended by striking out "or renewal".

299. Section 21.37 of the Act is amended

(1) by striking out "or renew" in the first paragraph;

(2) by striking out "or renewal" in the fourth paragraph.

300. Section 21.39 of the Act is amended by replacing ", to revoke or to refuse to grant or renew" and "of any application for removal from the register" in the first paragraph by "or to refuse to grant" and "of the revocation of an authorization and of its reasons, as well as of an application for withdrawal of an authorization", respectively.

301. Section 21.40 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

"**21.40.** An enterprise holding an authorization must carry out the annual update of the documents and information in accordance with the terms and conditions determined by regulation of the Authority. The update must be filed together with the fees determined in accordance with section 84 of the Act respecting the Autorité des marchés publics (chapter A-33.2.1).

In addition, the enterprise must notify the Authority of any modification of the information provided within 30 days of that modification in accordance with the terms and conditions determined by regulation of the Authority.

The terms and conditions determined by regulation under this section may vary according to the nature and significance of the changes that have occurred within the enterprise, or according to the type of enterprise or the place where the enterprise mainly carries on its activities.

The authorization of any enterprise that fails to comply with the first paragraph is suspended by operation of law. The Authority informs the enterprise, in writing and as soon as possible, of the suspension of its authorization."

302. Section 21.41 of the Act is repealed.

303. Section 21.41.1 of the Act is amended,

(1) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) by striking out "has expired or" and "expiry or";

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(*b*) by inserting "and the list of its subcontracts in process, stating, in such a case, the name of the public body that entered into the public contract to which each subcontract is related" at the end;

(2) by striking out the fourth paragraph.

304. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 21.41.1:

"**21.42.** An authorization suspended under the fourth paragraph of section 21.40 is revoked by operation of law if the enterprise does not remedy the failure by the following date:

(1) in the case of an enterprise that is party to any public contract or subcontract for which such an authorization is required, the anniversary date of the issue of its authorization following the end of the performance of the contract or subcontract; or

(2) in the case of an enterprise that is not party to a public contract or subcontract for which such an authorization is required, the anniversary date of the issue of its authorization following its suspension.

The Authority informs the enterprise, in writing and as soon as possible, of the revocation of its authorization."

305. Section 21.45 of the Act is amended by replacing "has expired or is suspended, if the expiry or suspension occurs while the enterprise is performing a public contract or subcontract for which such an authorization is required" in subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph by "is suspended".

306. Section 21.48.2 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting "documents and" after "mentions the" in the second paragraph;

(2) by striking out the third paragraph.

307. Section 27.5 of the Act is amended by striking out ", renew".

308. Section 27.15 of the Act is amended by striking out subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph.

309. Schedule I to the Act is amended by striking out ", renew" in the summary description of offence provided for in section 27.5 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies (chapter C-65.1).

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REGULATION TO DETERMINE THE FEES PAYABLE BY ENTERPRISES UNDER CHAPTER V.1 OF THE ACT RESPECTING CONTRACTING BY PUBLIC BODIES RELATING TO THE INTEGRITY OF ENTERPRISES AND THE AMOUNTS OF THE MONETARY ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED BY THE AUTORITÉ DES MARCHÉS PUBLICS

310. Section 1 of the Regulation to determine the fees payable by enterprises under Chapter V.1 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies relating to the integrity of enterprises and the amounts of the monetary administrative penalties that may be imposed by the Autorité des marchés publics (chapter C-65.1, r. 7.1.1) is amended by replacing the second and third paragraphs by the following paragraph:

"The fee payable by an enterprise carrying out the annual update of its documents and information under section 21.40 of the Act is $203."

311. Section 7 of the Regulation is repealed.

312. Section 9 of the Regulation is amended by striking out "while a party to a public contract or subcontract or" in paragraph 1.

REGULATION RESPECTING CERTAIN CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER V.1 OF THE ACT RESPECTING CONTRACTING BY PUBLIC BODIES WITH RESPECT TO THE INTEGRITY OF ENTERPRISES

313. Section 3 of the Regulation respecting certain conditions governing the application of Chapter V.1 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies with respect to the integrity of enterprises (chapter C-65.1, r. 7.4) is amended by striking out paragraph 3.

314. Section 4 of the Regulation is amended

(1) by striking out ", along with the documents evidencing the loans" in paragraph 5;

(2) by replacing ", the number of shares held by each shareholder and the date and details of their issuing and transfer in the past 5 years" in paragraph 6 by "and the number of shares held by each shareholder".

315. Division IV of Chapter I of the Regulation, comprising section 8, is repealed.

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DIVISION II

SPECIAL TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

316. An authorization to contract issued under the Act respecting contracting by public bodies (chapter C-65.1) retains its expiration date only if that date is before 2 September 2026.

The provisions of sections 21.31, 21.36, 21.37 and 21.41 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies, the first, second and third paragraphs of section 21.41.1 of the Act and the regulations made under those sections, as they read on 1 April 2026, continue to apply to any enterprise whose authorization retains its expiration date under the first paragraph.

317. Any authorization to contract that is suspended on 1 April 2026 under section 21.40.1 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies (chapter C-65.1) for failure by the enterprise that holds the authorization to communicate to the Authority a document or information required as part of the annual update of documents and information referred to in section 21.40 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies, as it read on 1 April 2026, is revoked by operation of law if the enterprise does not remedy the failure by the following date:

(1) in the case of an enterprise that, on 2 April 2026, is party to a public contract or subcontract for which such an authorization is required, on the anniversary date of the issue of its authorization following the end of the performance of the contract or subcontract; or

(2) in the case of an enterprise that, on 2 April 2026, is not party to a public contract or subcontract for which such an authorization is required, on the anniversary date of the issue of its authorization following 2 October 2026.

The Authority informs the enterprise, in writing and as soon as possible, of the revocation of its authorization.

CHAPTER III

CENTRE D'ACQUISITIONS GOUVERNEMENTALES

DIVISION I

RULES RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

ACT RESPECTING THE CENTRE D'ACQUISITIONS GOUVERNEMENTALES

318. Section 13 of the Act respecting the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (chapter C-7.01) is amended by adding the following sentence at the end: "In addition, the Centre may, as a mandatary, take part in judicial proceedings, as plaintiff or as defendant, to assert the rights of a public body with respect to such procurement."

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319. Section 18 of the Act is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph: "In such a case, sections 12 to 14 apply, with the necessary modifications."

320. Section 28 of the Act is amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 1:

"(1.1) ensuring that the policy concerning the conditions for the Centre's contracts and those for the contracts relating to the procurement the Centre carries out for the benefit of groups of bodies referred to in section 15.1 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies (chapter C-65.1) complies with the requirements of section 7 of that Act and, in this regard, giving its opinion or making recommendations to the president and chief executive officer;".

ACT RESPECTING CONTRACTING BY PUBLIC BODIES

321. Section 4 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies (chapter C-65.1) is amended by inserting "the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales and" after "except" in subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph.

322. Section 7 of the Act is amended,

(1) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) by inserting the following sentence after the second sentence: "The Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales must adopt a policy concerning the conditions for its contracts and those for the contracts relating to the acquisitions made for the benefit of any group of public bodies referred to in section 15.1.";

(*b*) by replacing "make their policy public not later than 30 days after its adoption" by "publish their policy on their website";

(2) in the second paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "The" by "A";

(*b*) by adding the following sentence at the end: "The policy of the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales must also take into account any directive issued regarding government procurement in accordance with section 15 of the Act respecting the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (chapter C-7.01).";

(3) by replacing "referred to in the first paragraph and the contracts they enter into" in the fourth paragraph by "and contracts referred to in the first paragraph".

323. The heading of Chapter III of the Act is amended by replacing "JOINT CALLS FOR TENDERS BY PUBLIC BODIES" by "GROUPS OF PUBLIC BODIES".

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324. Section 15 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting "subject to section 15.1," after "case," in the second paragraph;

(2) by striking out the third paragraph.

325. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 15:

"**15.1.** When the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales acquires goods or services for the benefit of a group of public bodies or a group composed of both one or more public bodies and one or more legal persons established in the public interest, the contract or contracts are entered into according to the conditions provided for in the Centre's policy referred to in section 7 and any other condition applicable to the contracts under this Act and the regulations made thereunder.

The same applies when the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales acquires goods or services for the benefit of a group to which it belongs.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, acquisitions made by the Centre for the benefit of more than one institution of Santé Québec are considered to be acquisitions made for the benefit of a group of public bodies."

326. Section 16 of the Act is amended by replacing "on behalf of a public body" in the second paragraph by "for the benefit of a group referred to in section 15.1".

REGULATION RESPECTING SUPPLY CONTRACTS, SERVICE CONTRACTS AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS OF BODIES REFERRED TO IN SECTION 7 OF THE ACT RESPECTING CONTRACTING BY PUBLIC BODIES

327. Section 1.3 of the Regulation respecting supply contracts, service contracts and construction contracts of bodies referred to in section 7 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies (chapter C-65.1, r. 1.1) is amended, in the fifth paragraph,

(1) by inserting "that does not entail an amendment to the tender documents" after "details";

(2) by replacing "less than 3" by "5 or less".

328. Section 9.1 of the Regulation is amended

(1) by replacing "the body" and "15" in the introductory clause by "every body, except the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales," and "30", respectively;

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(2) by inserting "initial" before "amount" in the fourth paragraph.

329. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following section after section 9.1:

"**9.2.** The Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales publishes the information provided for in section 9.1 respecting any contract entered into for its requirements or for the benefit of a group of public bodies referred to in section 15.1 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies (chapter C-65.1), to the extent that such a contract involves an expenditure equal to or greater than $25,000.

The Centre also publishes in the electronic tendering system, within 120 days after the end of such a contract, the final amount of the contract."

REGULATION RESPECTING CERTAIN SUPPLY CONTRACTS OF PUBLIC BODIES

330. Section 46.2 of the Regulation respecting certain supply contracts of public bodies (chapter C-65.1, r. 2) is repealed.

REGULATION RESPECTING CONTRACTING BY PUBLIC BODIES IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

331. Division I.1 of Chapter V of the Regulation respecting contracting by public bodies in the field of information technologies (chapter C-65.1, r. 5.1), comprising sections 48.1 and 48.2, is repealed.

332. Section 75.1 of the Regulation is repealed.

DIVISION II

SPECIAL TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

333. Section 13 of the Act respecting the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (chapter C-7.01), as amended by section 318 of this Act, applies to proceedings pending on 2 April 2026 that pertain to procurement carried out by the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales for a public body. It also applies, with the necessary modifications, to proceedings pending on that date that pertain to procurement carried out by the Centre for another person or entity.

334. Any tendering or awarding process for a public contract for which the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales published in the electronic tendering system, as applicable, a notice of tender or a notice of intention before the date of coming into force of section 321 of this Act and that is ongoing on that date remains subject to the provisions of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies (chapter C-65.1) and to those of the regulations and the directives made under that Act that were applicable to it before that date. The same applies to

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any contract resulting from such a process and to any public contract that is in process on that date and results from a tendering or awarding process carried out by the Centre.

The Centre and, if applicable, any public body on behalf of which a process or contract referred to in the first paragraph has begun or has been entered into, as the case may be, remains subject, regarding the process or the contract, to the provisions of that Act and to those of the regulations and the directives made under that Act that were applicable to it before that date.

CHAPTER IV

SOCIÉTÉ D'HABITATION DU QUÉBEC AND HOUSING BUREAUS

DIVISION I

SIMPLIFICATIONS CONCERNING HOUSING BUREAUS, CONTRIBUTIONS, SOCIÉTÉ D'HABITATION DU QUÉBEC PROGRAMS AND COGIWEB

ACT RESPECTING THE SOCIÉTÉ D'HABITATION DU QUÉBEC

335. Section 3 of the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec (chapter S-8) is amended by replacing "Government" in the second paragraph by "Conseil du trésor".

336. Section 57 of the Act is amended,

(1) in subsection 1,

(*a*) by replacing "the Lieutenant-Governor may issue, on such conditions as are therein set out, letters patent under the Great Seal of Québec" by "the Minister may issue, on such conditions as are therein set out, letters patent";

(*b*) by adding the following paragraph after the first paragraph:

"Letters patent issued over the signature of the Minister have the same force as if they had been issued and signed by the Lieutenant-Governor and the Attorney General under the Great Seal.";

(2) by replacing "Notice of the issuing of such letters patent" in subsection 2 by "The letters patent are registered by the Minister of Justice in his capacity as Registrar of Québec and notice of their issue";

(3) by striking out "under the Great Seal of Québec" in subsection 3;

(4) in subsection 5,

(*a*) by replacing "Lieutenant-Governor" by "Minister";

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(*b*) by replacing "Notice of such supplementary letters patent" by "The letters patent are registered by the Minister of Justice and notice of their issue".

337. Section 58 of the Act is amended by replacing both occurrences of "Lieutenant-Governor" in the first and second paragraphs by "Minister".

338. Section 58.1 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

"**58.1.** Bureaus may be amalgamated.

Bureaus which propose to amalgamate may enter into an agreement for that purpose setting out the terms and conditions of the amalgamation, the manner in which it will be carried out and any other information required for the carrying out of the amalgamation, including that relating to the administration and operation of the bureau and provided for in subsection 1 of section 57 if a new bureau results from the amalgamation.

Where a bureau that administers 300 or more dwellings in low-rental housing immovables intends to amalgamate with a bureau that administers not more than 45% of the former bureau's number of dwellings, the former bureau may absorb the latter, in which case the agreement must specify the number of dwellings administered by each bureau intending to amalgamate.

Bureaus that have entered into an agreement to amalgamate must, by a joint petition, request the Minister to issue letters patent confirming the amalgamation. The petition may, in addition, in the case of amalgamation by absorption, contain the amendments set out in subsection 5 of section 57.

The petition must include

(1) favorable recommendations from the Société and from each municipality having requested the constitution of the petitioning bureaus; and

(2) an authenticated copy of the agreement and of the resolution of the board of directors of each of the petitioning bureaus authorizing the entering into of the agreement and attesting, in the case of amalgamation by absorption, each one of them meets the requirements of this section applicable to such an amalgamation.

The Minister may, on the conditions set out in the petition, issue letters patent to constitute the bureau resulting from the amalgamation or to confirm the amalgamation by absorption. The letters patent are registered by the Minister of Justice and a notice of issue shall be published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. As of the effective date of the letters patent, the petitioning bureaus shall be amalgamated and shall form a single bureau under the name stated in the letters patent or that of the absorbing bureau. The bureau is the agent of each municipality having requested the constitution of the amalgamated bureaus.

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The second paragraph of subsection 1 and subsections 3 to 6 of section 57, as well as section 58, apply with the necessary modifications to the bureau resulting from an amalgamation."

339. Section 58.1.1 of the Act is amended,

(1) by replacing "regional housing bureau in the territory of any regional county municipality" in the first paragraph by "housing bureau in any territory of the local municipalities or regional county municipalities";

(2) in the second paragraph,

(*a*) by striking out both occurrences of "municipal";

(*b*) by replacing "regional county municipality" by "municipalities";

(3) by replacing "the regional county municipality. The latter" in the fifth paragraph by "any local municipality and regional county municipality identified in the order. A regional county municipality so identified".

340. Section 58.1.2 of the Act is repealed.

341. Section 58.1.3 of the Act is amended, in the first paragraph,

(1) by striking out "or 58.1.2" and "municipal";

(2) by inserting ", including to allow an amalgamation by absorption" at the end.

342. Section 68.13 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "joint management with the representatives of the contributors designated by the Government" in the first paragraph by "the management of the contributions";

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

"The Société shall inform the representatives of the contributors designated by the Government of its management and of the distribution of the contributions referred to in the first paragraph."

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343. The Act is amended by inserting the following division after section 92:

"**DIVISION VIII.1**

"COGIWEB

"**92.1.** For the purposes of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01), a municipal body may, despite sections 29 and 30 of that Act, award by mutual agreement to COGIWEB a contract referred to in Title III of the Act.

"**92.2.** COGIWEB is considered a municipal body exclusively for the purposes of

(1) the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1); and

(2) the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01)."

DIVISION II

SPECIAL TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

344. Sections 477.4 to 477.6 and 573 to 573.4 of the Cities and Towns Act (chapter C-19) apply to COGIWEB, with the necessary modifications. However, the requirement to adopt a by-law on contract management provided for in section 573.3.1.2 of the Cities and Towns Act does not apply.

The first paragraph does not apply to contracts that were the subject of a public call for tenders or of a call for tenders by written invitation or that were entered into before 2 April 2026.

The first paragraph ceases to have effect on the date of coming into force of section 11 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01).

345. The requirement to adopt a by-law on contract management provided for in section 7 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01) applies to COGIWEB only from the date that is three months after the date of coming into force of section 11 of that Act.

346. Until the date of coming into force of section 11 of the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies (chapter C-65.01), COGIWEB is considered a public body within the meaning of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1) exclusively for the purposes of section 573.3 of the Cities and Towns Act (chapter C-19) and article 938 of the Municipal Code of Québec (chapter C-27.1).

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CHAPTER V

REVISION OF CERTAIN ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

DIVISION I

RELEASE OF DATA AND ANALYSES BY THE AUTORITÉ DES MARCHÉS FINANCIERS

ACT RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF THE FINANCIAL SECTOR

347. The Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (chapter E-6.1) is amended by inserting the following section after section 8:

"**8.1.** The Authority must, at least once a year before 30 June, based on the information collected in the course of the Authority's supervision and control activities in connection with the activities of credit assessment agents, insurers, financial services cooperatives, trust companies and savings companies, make available online data and analyses on the business in Québec of those agents, insurers, cooperatives and companies and, except in the case of credit assessment agents, their financial situations.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, the Minister may require that the Authority make certain data and analyses available online."

DIVISION II

WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN REPORTS

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE ACT

348. Section 182 of the Automobile Insurance Act (chapter A-25) is amended

(1) by replacing "report to the Minister" in the second paragraph by "make available online a report on";

(2) by striking out the third paragraph.

CREDIT ASSESSMENT AGENTS ACT

349. The heading of Division III of Chapter V of the Credit Assessment Agents Act (chapter A-8.2) is amended by replacing ", ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT AND AUTHORITY'S REPORT" by "AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT".

350. Sections 64, 65 and 113 of the Act are repealed.

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INSURERS ACT

351. The heading of Chapter VI of Title V of the Insurers Act (chapter A-32.1) is amended by striking out ", REPORTS".

352. Sections 483, 484 and 551 of the Act are repealed.

ACT RESPECTING FINANCIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVES

353. The heading of Division III of Chapter XIV of the Act respecting financial services cooperatives (chapter C-67.3) is amended by striking out "AND REPORTS".

354. Sections 597, 598 and 725 of the Act are repealed.

ACT RESPECTING RETRAITE QUÉBEC

355. Section 138 of the Act respecting Retraite Québec (chapter R-26.3) is replaced by the following section:

"**138.** Section 41 of the Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises (chapter G-1.02) does not apply to the Minister with respect to Retraite Québec."

TRUST COMPANIES AND SAVINGS COMPANIES ACT

356. The heading of Chapter V of Title IV of the Trust Companies and Savings Companies Act (chapter S-29.02) is amended by striking out ", REPORTS".

357. Sections 275, 276 and 323 of the Act are repealed.

DIVISION III

WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN OTHER REPORTS

358. The following provisions are repealed:

(1) section 160 of the Real Estate Brokerage Act (chapter C-73.2);

(2) section 580 of the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services (chapter D-9.2);

(3) section 83 of the Money-Services Businesses Act (chapter E-12.000001);

(4) section 239 of the Derivatives Act (chapter I-14.01);

(5) section 496 of the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1); and

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(6) section 352 of the Securities Act (chapter V-1.1).

DIVISION IV

THREE-YEAR PLAN AND ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE AGENCE DU REVENU DU QUÉBEC

TAX ADMINISTRATION ACT

359. Section 69.0.0.3 of the Tax Administration Act (chapter A-6.002) is amended by replacing "subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph" by "paragraph *b*".

360. Section 69.0.0.7 of the Act is amended by striking out what follows the first paragraph.

361. Section 69.0.0.8 of the Act is amended by replacing "subparagraphs *b* to *b*.3 of the first paragraph" by "paragraphs *b* to *b*.3".

362. Section 69.9 of the Act is amended by replacing "subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph" in paragraph *c* of the first paragraph by "paragraph *b*".

DIVISION V

CHANGES TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ACT

363. Section 7 of the Sustainable Development Act (chapter D-8.1.1) is amended by striking out the last sentence of the second paragraph.

364. Section 9 of the Act is amended by inserting "or the provision for or updating of the indicators selected to ensure the monitoring of the strategy or the other mechanisms or means set out in the strategy to monitor or measure the progress made in the economic, social and environmental fields" at the end of the third paragraph.

365. Section 10 of the Act is amended

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

"The sustainable development strategy, any periodic review of it and any amendment made to it are published and made accessible, in particular according to the conditions and in the manner the Government considers appropriate.";

(2) by replacing "They" in the second paragraph by "The sustainable development strategy and any periodic review of it".

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DIVISION VI

CHIEF FORESTER

SUSTAINABLE FOREST DEVELOPMENT ACT

366. Section 45 of the Sustainable Forest Development Act (chapter A-18.1) is amended

(1) by adding the following sentence at the end of the second paragraph: "The selection process does not apply to a chief forester whose term is renewed.";

(2) by replacing "five-year term" in the third paragraph by "term of up to five years".

CHAPTER VI

PAY EQUITY

DIVISION I

COMPENSATION FOLLOWING ABOLITION, AMALGAMATION OR ANY OTHER REORGANIZATION IN AN ENTERPRISE

PAY EQUITY ACT

367. Section 67 of the Pay Equity Act (chapter E-12.001) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 5:

"(5.0.1) the temporary maintenance of a person's compensation after the person was reinstated in an enterprise referred to in section 3 due to the abolition, amalgamation or any other reorganization in an enterprise, so that the person is not penalized due to a new rate of compensation or compensation scale, provided the compensation applicable to the employees in the same job class catches up to the person's compensation within a reasonable time;".

DIVISION II

SPECIAL MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION

368. Section 367 of this Act has effect from 21 December 2020.

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CHAPTER VII

SELECTION COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL STUDENT OMBUDSMAN

ACT RESPECTING THE NATIONAL STUDENT OMBUDSMAN

369. Section 6 of the Act respecting the National Student Ombudsman (chapter P-32.01) is amended by replacing subparagraphs 1 to 10 of the first paragraph by the following subparagraphs:

"(1) a parent of a student who attends an institution of a school service centre or a private educational institution;

"(2) a teacher or a member of the non-teaching staff of such an institution;

"(3) a member of the executive staff of a school service centre; and

"(4) a principal of an educational institution of a school service centre or a private educational institution."

CHAPTER VIII

INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE EXERCISE OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF STUDENTS

ACT RESPECTING THE NATIONAL STUDENT OMBUDSMAN

370. Section 52 of the Act respecting the National Student Ombudsman (chapter P-32.01) is amended by replacing "section 9" and "to such a document" in the second paragraph by "sections 9, 83 and 89" and "to or of correction of such information", respectively.

ACT RESPECTING SAFETY IN RECREATION AND SPORTS

371. Section 30.29 of the Act respecting safety in recreation and sports (chapter S-3.1) is amended by replacing "section 9" and "to such a document" in the second paragraph by "sections 9, 83 and 89" and "to or of correction of such information", respectively.

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CHAPTER IX

PILOT PROJECTS IN EDUCATION

EDUCATION ACT

372. The Education Act (chapter I-13.3) is amended by inserting the following section after section 459.5.3:

"**459.5.3.1.** The Minister may establish and implement a pilot project to experiment or innovate in the field of education, or to study, improve or define standards in that field.

Within such a pilot project, the Minister may

(1) authorize a school service centre to depart from the standards prescribed by the basic regulations established by the Government; and

(2) issue directives establishing the applicable standards and rules.

The Minister may also, at any time, make changes or put an end to a pilot project after notifying all interested persons.

The maximum duration of a pilot project is three years, which the Minister may extend by up to two years if he considers it necessary. The Minister shall evaluate the pilot project and make the evaluation public every two years as well as at the end of the pilot project."

CHAPTER X

RÉSEAU STRUCTURANT DE TRANSPORT EN COMMUN DE LA VILLE DE QUÉBEC

ACT RESPECTING THE RÉSEAU STRUCTURANT DE TRANSPORT EN COMMUN DE LA VILLE DE QUÉBEC

373. The Act respecting the Réseau structurant de transport en commun de la Ville de Québec (chapter R-25.03) is amended by inserting the following section after section 24:

"**24.1.** The Minister of Transport may delegate to Mobilité Infra Québec, in whole or in part and on the conditions the Minister determines, the powers and functions conferred on the Minister by this Act, except section 26."

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CHAPTER XI

COMMISSION DES DROITS DE LA PERSONNE ET DES DROITS DE LA JEUNESSE

DIVISION I

MEMBERS OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE COMMISSION DES DROITS DE LA PERSONNE ET DES DROITS DE LA JEUNESSE

CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

374. Section 62 of the Charter of human rights and freedoms (chapter C-12) is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

"The personnel of the commission shall be appointed in accordance with the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1)."

375. Section 63 of the Charter is amended by striking out "its personnel,".

376. Section 64 of the Charter is amended by striking out ", the members of its personnel".

377. Section 92 of the Charter is amended by inserting ", except the program the Commission implements" at the end of the second paragraph.

DIVISION II

SPECIAL AMENDING PROVISIONS

PUBLIC PROTECTOR ACT

378. Section 14 of the Public Protector Act (chapter P-32) is amended by replacing "and the Conseil du trésor" in paragraph 2 by ", the Conseil du trésor and the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse".

DIVISION III

OTHER AMENDING PROVISIONS AND SPECIAL TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

379. Any reference to the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse is struck out in

(1) Schedule I to the Act respecting the negotiation and determination of conditions of employment requiring national coordination in particular in the public and parapublic sectors (chapter N-0.1);

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(2) Schedule I to the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (chapter R-10);

(3) Schedule II to the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel (chapter R-12.1).

380. The personnel of the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse in office on the date preceding the date of coming into force of Chapter XI of Title V of this Act are deemed to have been appointed in accordance with the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1).

The Conseil du trésor determines their remuneration, their classification and any other condition of employment applicable to them.

CHAPTER XII

ACCESS TO JUSTICE FUND

DIVISION I

DEDICATION AND FINANCING OF THE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FUND

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DE LA JUSTICE

381. Section 32.0.2 of the Act respecting the Ministère de la Justice (chapter M-19) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"The Fund is also dedicated to financing all or part of the difference between the financial needs of the Commission des services juridiques and its revenues during a fiscal year or, if applicable, to absorb its accumulated deficit."

382. Section 32.0.3 of the Act is amended by inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph 2.2:

"(2.3) the sums from the fund for legal studies and paid under section 15.1 of the Act respecting the Barreau du Québec (chapter B-1);

"(2.4) the sums from the notarial studies fund and paid under section 6.1 of the Notaries Act (chapter N-3);

"(2.5) the other sums from the fund for legal studies and the notarial studies fund;".

383. Section 32.0.5 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "section" in the first paragraph by "the first paragraph of section";

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

"The Minister may pay to the Commission des services juridiques any sum for the purposes referred to in the second paragraph of section 32.0.2."

384. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 32.0.5.1:

"**32.0.5.2.** The sums referred to in paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 of section 32.0.3 are allocated on a priority basis for the purposes referred to in the second paragraph of section 32.0.2."

DIVISION II

DEDICATION OF THE FUND FOR LEGAL STUDIES

ACT RESPECTING THE BARREAU DU QUÉBEC

385. The heading of subdivision 3 of Division III of the Act respecting the Barreau du Québec (chapter B-1) is amended by adding "*and obligations*" at the end.

386. Section 15 of the Act is amended by adding the following subparagraph at the end of paragraph *h* of subsection 2:

"iii. finance the Access to Justice Fund."

387. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 15:

"**15.1.** Not later than 30 September of each year, an amount shall be taken out of the fund for legal studies and paid into the Access to Justice Fund. The amount is determined as follows:

(1) 50% of the interest income from the accounts held in trust by advocates appearing in the most recent audited financial statements of the fund for legal studies, up to $75,000,000 of such income; and

(2) 75% of the interest income exceeding that $75,000,000, if applicable.

Despite the first paragraph, if the total interest income from the accounts held in trust is less than $14,000,000, the fund for legal studies shall keep $7,000,000 and the amount paid into the Access to Justice Fund shall correspond to the difference between the total and $7,000,000.

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The Minister of Justice may determine, after consultation with the Bar, that an amount different from the amount determined under the first paragraph must be paid for a given fiscal year, according to the conditions the Minister determines. Such an amount is not limited to the interest income from accounts held in trust, but must not have the effect of rendering the amount constituting the fund for legal studies less than $75,000,000 following the payment.

The amounts provided for in the second paragraph are adjusted on 1 January each year according to the rate corresponding to the change in the average Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period that ended on 30 September of the year preceding the year of the adjustment, based on the average all-items Consumer Price Index for Québec established by Statistics Canada.

"**15.2.** Any cash outflow from the fund for legal studies or any financial commitment must not be liable to compromise any payment payable under section 15.1.

"**15.3.** For the purposes of paragraph *h* of subsection 2 of section 15 and sections 15.1 and 15.2, the Bar must send the Minister of Justice any information or document required by the Minister concerning the fund for legal studies."

DIVISION III

DEDICATION OF THE NOTARIAL STUDIES FUND

NOTARIES ACT

388. The heading of subdivision 2 of Division II of Chapter I of the Notaries Act (chapter N-3) is amended by adding "*and obligations*" at the end.

389. Section 6 of the Act is amended by replacing subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by the following subparagraph:

"(*b*) financing

i. measures to promote access to justice;

ii. the digitization and preservation of notarial records;

iii. the indemnity fund of the Order in accordance with paragraph 5 of section 8;

iv. the Access to Justice Fund; and

v. the notaries' expenses related to the inspection of a general account held in trust that the Order considers necessary to assume."

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390. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 6:

"**6.1.** Not later than 30 September of each year, an amount shall be taken out of the notarial studies fund and paid into the Access to Justice Fund. The amount is determined as follows:

(1) 50% of the interest income from the accounts held in trust by notaries appearing in the most recent audited financial statements of the notarial studies fund, up to $75,000,000 of such income; and

(2) 75% of the interest income exceeding that $75,000,000, if applicable.

Despite the first paragraph, if the total interest income from the accounts held in trust is less than $14,000,000, the notarial studies fund shall keep $7,000,000 and the amount paid into the Access to Justice Fund shall correspond to the difference between the total and $7,000,000.

The Minister of Justice may determine, after consultation with the Order, that an amount different from the amount determined under the first paragraph must be paid for a given fiscal year, according to the conditions the Minister determines. Such an amount is not limited to the interest income from accounts held in trust, but must not have the effect of rendering the amount constituting the notarial studies fund less than $75,000,000 following the payment.

The amounts provided for in the second paragraph are adjusted on 1 January each year according to the rate corresponding to the change in the average Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period that ended on 30 September of the year preceding the year of the adjustment, based on the average all-items Consumer Price Index for Québec established by Statistics Canada.

"**6.2.** Any cash outflow from the notarial studies fund or any financial commitment must not be liable to compromise any payment payable under section 6.1.

"**6.3.** For the purposes of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 6 and sections 6.1 and 6.2, the Order must send the Minister of Justice any information or document required by the Minister concerning the notarial studies fund."

DIVISION IV

SPECIAL MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

391. Any cash outflow from the fund for legal studies established under the Act respecting the Barreau du Québec (chapter B-1) or the notarial studies fund established under the Notaries Act (chapter N-3) made between 24 March 2026 and 2 April 2026 must not be liable to compromise any payment that will become payable under section 15.1 of the Act respecting the Barreau du Québec or section 6.1 of the Notaries Act, as applicable.

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This does not, however, concern cash outflows resulting from financial commitments entered into before 24 March 2026.

392. The Chambre des notaires du Québec is required to pay into the notarial studies fund a sum equal to the sum taken out of that fund and paid into the Fondation Notariale du Québec, including the interest yielded by those amounts.

TITLE VI

FINAL PROVISIONS

393. The provisions of this Act come into force on 2 April 2026, except

(1) those of sections 1 to 48, 50 to 57, 60 to 62, 63, insofar as it enacts section 105 of the Act respecting pre-hospital emergency services (chapter S-6.2), 64 and 67 and of Chapters III and IV of Title II, which come into force on 1 April 2027;

(2) those of Chapter IV of Title I, which come into force on 30 June 2026;

(3) those of sections 85 to 91 and 94 to 101, which come into force on 1 June 2026;

(4) those of sections 92 and 93, which come into force on 19 October 2026;

(5) those of Chapter VII of Title I and of Chapters I and II of Title II, which come into force on 1 May 2026;

(6) those of Chapter I of Title III, except section 240, which come into force on 1 October 2026;

(7) those of Chapter II of Title III, which come into force on 1 September 2026;

(8) those of section 305 and of Chapter III of Title V, except sections 318, 319 and 333, which come into force on the date fixed by the Government or not later than 2 October 2026;

(9) those of Chapter XI of Title V, which come into force on the date fixed by the Government or not later than 1 October 2026.

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

SECOND SESSION FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 9
(2026, chapter 6)

An Act respecting the reinforcement of laicity in Québec

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this Act is to reinforce laicity in Québec.

To that end, the Act subjects childcare centres, subsidized day care centres, home educational childcare coordinating offices, persons recognized as subsidized home educational childcare providers, educational institutions accredited for purposes of subsidies, private health institutions under agreement, intermediate resources and family-type resources to the requirement to comply with the principles on which State laicity is based.

The Act requires persons to have their face uncovered when they are receiving a service from a body that provides educational childcare services or from a higher education institution, and when they are in a place under the authority of such a body or such an institution. It also requires persons to have their face uncovered when they are receiving an educational, training or professional development service provided by certain bodies that are subject to the requirement to comply with the principles on which State laicity is based.

The Act prohibits religious practice in a place under the authority of an institution or body that is subject to the requirement to comply with the principles on which State laicity is based, subject to certain exceptions.

The Act extends the prohibition on wearing religious symbols that is set out in the Act respecting the laicity of the State to personnel members of childcare centres, subsidized day care centres and home educational childcare coordinating offices as well as to certain persons who provide services in childcare centres or subsidized day care centres. That prohibition also applies to personnel members of educational institutions accredited for purposes of subsidies and to certain persons who provide services, in particular on behalf of such institutions. The Act also prohibits the wearing of religious symbols by the National Director of Youth Protection as well as by directors of youth protection and certain other persons working in the field of youth protection. In addition, it prohibits the wearing of such symbols by certain personnel members of Santé Québec who predominantly provide health services or social services in a rehabilitation centre for young persons with adjustment problems. Furthermore, it prohibits persons from wearing a religious symbol when they are providing a

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service under a reception, francization or integration program for immigrants. The Act provides for an acquired right for those persons under certain conditions. It also provides that no educational institution may require a student to wear a religious symbol, unless that symbol was an integral part of the logo or coat of arms of the institution before the bill was introduced.

The Act sets out the obligation for an institution or body that is subject to the requirement to comply with the principles on which State laicity is based, and that offers a diet based on a religious precept or a tradition when providing restaurant services, to also offer an equivalent diet that is not based on such a precept or tradition. It also prohibits an institution or body from prominently displaying a representation of a religious symbol in its communications.

The Act amends the Act respecting private education to provide that no accreditation may be granted to an educational institution whose provision of educational services prescribed in the basic school regulation during the hours of activities devoted to those services is based on religious standards or precepts, on the transmission of religious convictions or beliefs or on religious practice, or to an institution that selects its students or personnel members based on religious criteria. It grants the Minister of Education the power to revoke an accreditation for non-compliance with that requirement.

The Act enacts the Act to foster living together and to provide a framework for accommodations on religious grounds. The enacted Act prohibits the use of public roads or public parks for the purposes of collective religious practice without the authorization of the municipality. It sets out the fines applicable in cases of non-compliance with that prohibition.

The enacted Act also provides for adjustments to the standards applicable to requests for accommodations on religious grounds in the public sector. It states that such an accommodation is reasonable only if it does not impose more than minimal hardship on an organization, and specifies various elements that must not be compromised in specific contexts. It also provides that the purpose of an accommodation must not be that a service be provided by a person based on that person's sex, gender identity or gender expression, unless it is a medical care service or unless the provision of the service involves physical contact. It provides for the application of that framework to the private sector.

The enacted Act also provides that no one may prohibit, limit, hinder or disrupt a religious practice within a place of worship or

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impede access to such a place, and sets out the fines applicable in cases of non-compliance with those prohibitions.

The enacted Act specifies that it has effect despite certain provisions of the Charter of human rights and freedoms and the Constitution Act, 1982.

The Act confers on the Minister Responsible for Laicity the role of supporting and assisting institutions and bodies, as well as the power to verify compliance with the provisions of the Act respecting the laicity of the State. It also gives that minister the power to issue directives regarding the application of the Act respecting the laicity of the State and the Act to foster living together and to provide a framework for accommodations on religious grounds.

Lastly, the Act makes consequential amendments.

LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THIS ACT:

– Act to foster living together and to provide a framework for accommodations on religious grounds (2026, chapter 6, section 28).

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

– Act respecting private education (chapter E-9.1);

– Executive Power Act (chapter E-18);

– Education Act (chapter I-13.3);

– Act respecting the laicity of the State (chapter L-0.3).

LEGISLATION REPEALED BY THIS ACT:

– Freedom of Worship Act (chapter L-2);

– Act to foster adherence to State religious neutrality and, in particular, to provide a framework for requests for accommodations on religious grounds in certain bodies (chapter R-26.2.01).

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Bill 9

AN ACT RESPECTING THE REINFORCEMENT OF LAICITY IN QUÉBEC

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I

AMENDING PROVISIONS

ACT RESPECTING THE LAICITY OF THE STATE

1. The preamble to the Act respecting the laicity of the State (chapter L-0.3) is amended

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

"AS, in the exercise of its sovereignty, the Parliament of Québec must not enact laws that are based on considerations of a religious nature;";

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

"AS State laicity constitutes a foundation of national integration;";

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

"AS the framework established by this Act gives full effect to every person's freedom of conscience and freedom of religion;".

2. Section 3 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing ", government and judicial institutions" in the first paragraph by "institutions, judicial institutions and the bodies listed in Schedule I";

(2) by striking out subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph.

3. Section 4 of the Act is replaced by the following sections:

"**4.** State laicity also requires every personnel member of a body to act, in the exercise of their functions, so as not to treat a person favourably or unfavourably because of the person's religious affiliation or non-affiliation, because of their own religious convictions or beliefs or the absence of such religious convictions or beliefs, or because of the religious convictions or

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beliefs of a person in authority or the absence of such religious convictions or beliefs.

For the purposes of this section, "personnel member of a body" means a member of the personnel of a body listed in Schedule I, except a school service centre referred to in paragraph 7 of that schedule and a body referred to in paragraph 12 of that schedule, as well as a person listed in any of paragraphs 5 to 13 of Schedule III.

"**4.1.** Section 4 does not apply

(1) to a personnel member when the member is providing a spiritual development or care service, or a service based on a culturally safe practice developed under the Act to establish the cultural safety approach within the health and social services network (chapter A-20.1.1), in a centre operated by a Santé Québec institution or in a body referred to in paragraph 8 or 13 of Schedule I;

(2) to a personnel member when the member is providing a spiritual development or care service in a correctional facility governed by the Act respecting the Québec correctional system (chapter S-40.1);

(3) to a personnel member when the member is providing instruction on religion within the scope of a program or course established or approved by the Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology; or

(4) to a health professional where the professional refuses to recommend or provide professional services because of their personal convictions, as is permitted by law.

"**4.2.** The conduct of every personnel member of a body referred to in paragraph 12 of Schedule I must, in the exercise of the member's functions, be guided both by democratic values and Québec values expressed in particular by the Charter of human rights and freedoms (chapter C-12), including the equality of women and men, and by State laicity.

"**4.3.** In addition to the requirements set out in sections 3, 4 and 4.2, State laicity requires compliance with the prohibition on wearing religious symbols and the obligation to have one's face uncovered set out in Chapters II and III of this Act, by the persons subject to that prohibition or obligation.

State laicity also requires that every person has the right to parliamentary, government and judicial institutions and to public services that are lay institutions and services, to the extent provided for by law."

4. Section 6 of the Act is amended by replacing "section" in the second paragraph by "Act".

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5. The heading of Chapter III of the Act is replaced by the following heading:

"OBLIGATION TO HAVE ONE'S FACE UNCOVERED".

6. Section 8 of the Act is amended by replacing the second and third paragraphs by the following paragraphs:

"Persons must have their face uncovered when they are in a place, such as an immovable or a room, under the authority of a body referred to in any of paragraphs 7, 11 and 12.1 of Schedule I, except a school service centre referred to in paragraph 7 of that schedule, and when they are receiving a service from such a body.

Persons must have their face uncovered when they are receiving, from a parliamentary institution or from a body other than a body referred to in any of paragraphs 7, 11, 12 and 12.1 of Schedule I,

(1) an educational, training or professional development service; or

(2) any other service, where doing so is necessary to allow their identity to be verified or for security reasons.

For the purposes of the second and third paragraphs, persons are deemed to be receiving a service when they are interacting or communicating, in person or remotely, with a personnel member of an institution or body in the exercise of the personnel member's functions or with a person providing the service on behalf of an institution or body.

No person who fails to comply with the obligation set out in the second or third paragraph may receive the service they request.

This section does not apply

(1) to persons recognized as subsidized home educational childcare providers under the Educational Childcare Act (chapter S-4.1.1) outside the hours devoted to the provision of educational childcare services;

(2) to persons present in a place that constitutes a private residence and that is under the authority of a body referred to in paragraph 7 or 12.1 of Schedule I and mentioned in the second paragraph, where they are not receiving a service from such a body; or

(3) to persons going to or present in a place under the authority of a body referred to in paragraph 7 or 12.1 of Schedule I, except a school service centre, leased according to the conditions determined by government regulation."

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

"**CHAPTER III.1**

"CONTRACTUAL MEASURES".

8. Section 10 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "may" by "must";

(2) by inserting "and that they comply with sections 4 and 4.2" after "uncovered";

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

"A body to which the second or third paragraph of section 8 applies must also require, from any persons or partnerships with whom or which it enters into a contract for the purpose of providing a service referred to in either of those paragraphs, that they ensure compliance with the obligation to have one's face uncovered."

9. The Act is amended by inserting the following chapters after section 10:

"**CHAPTER III.2**

"RELIGIOUS PRACTICE IN CERTAIN PLACES

"**10.1.** All religious practice is prohibited in a place, such as an immovable or a room, under the authority of an institution or body referred to in section 3.

The prohibition set out in the first paragraph does not apply

(1) to a centre operated by a Santé Québec institution or a body referred to in paragraph 8 or 13 of Schedule I, to the extent that the religious practice does not compromise the provision or quality of care, the proper operation of the centre or body or the well-being of users;

(2) to a school service centre referred to in paragraph 7 of Schedule I or a body referred to in paragraph 12 of that schedule;

(3) to a correctional facility governed by the Act respecting the Québec correctional system (chapter S-40.1);

(4) to a place that constitutes a private residence, as regards the religious practice of its occupants;

(5) to a First Nations or Inuit cultural practice carried out in a place under the authority of a parliamentary institution or of a body listed in Schedule I; or

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(6) in any other place specified by government regulation, according to the conditions determined in the regulation.

Any action, except the wearing of a religious symbol, that may reasonably constitute, in fact or in appearance, the manifestation of a religious conviction or belief, is a religious practice within the meaning of this section and section 10.2.

Subparagraph 6 of the second paragraph does not apply to a place under the authority of a body referred to in paragraph 7 or 12.1 of Schedule I.

"**10.2.** Despite section 10.1, religious practice is permitted in a place, such as an immovable or a room, under the authority of a body referred to in paragraph 5 of Schedule I, the Société du Centre des congrès de Québec, the Société du Palais des congrès de Montréal or the Société de développement et de mise en valeur du Parc olympique where the following conditions are met:

(1) the body or the Société does not, directly or indirectly, finance the religious practice;

(2) the body or the Société treats every natural or legal person equitably as regards the leasing and use of the immovable or room; and

(3) the immovable is not used predominantly for the religious practice.

Likewise, religious practice is permitted in a performance hall, or in any other place leased according to the conditions determined by government regulation, under the authority of a body referred to in paragraph 7 or 12.1 of Schedule I, except a school service centre, where the conditions of subparagraphs 1 to 3 of the first paragraph are met.

In the case of an immovable that was acquired by any body or institution referred to in section 3 while it was being used predominantly for religious practice purposes, religious practice is permitted if the conditions of subparagraphs 1 to 3 of the first paragraph are met and if the vendor has imposed no constraint limiting the use the institution or body may make of the immovable.

"**10.3.** All religious practice, such as overt prayers or other similar practices, is prohibited in a place, such as an immovable or a room, under the authority of a body referred to in paragraph 12 of Schedule I during the hours devoted to the educational services prescribed in the basic school regulation.

However, religious practice intended for students attending the body and organized by the body as part of optional activities outside the hours devoted to the educational services prescribed in the basic school regulation is permitted. Despite section 6, wearing a religious symbol is permitted during such activities.

This section does not apply to a place that constitutes a private residence, as regards the religious practice of its occupants.

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"**CHAPTER III.3**

"FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE MINISTER

"**10.4.** The Minister sees to compliance with and the promotion of the principles and obligations set out in this Act.

The Minister advises, supports and assists the institutions and bodies referred to in section 3.

"**10.5.** The Minister may issue directives to any body listed in Schedule I, except the Conseil de la magistrature and the Comité de la rémunération des juges, concerning the application of the provisions of this Act. The directives may apply to one or more bodies and contain different elements according to the body concerned.

The directives must be submitted to the Government for approval and be published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. Once approved, they are binding on the bodies to which they apply.

"**10.6.** The Minister may verify compliance with this Act within any body listed in Schedule I, except the Conseil de la magistrature and the Comité de la rémunération des juges.

To that end, the Minister may designate a person in writing to conduct the verification.

In the case where a body is under the responsibility or jurisdiction of another minister, the Minister Responsible for Laicity and that other minister jointly verify compliance with this Act and designate a person to conduct the verification.

"**10.7.** Persons conducting a verification may, in the exercise of their functions,

(1) enter, at any reasonable time, any place where this Act applies;

(2) require any information relating to compliance with this Act or the regulations, as well as the communication, for examination or reproduction, of any related document; and

(3) take photographs or make recordings.

"**10.8.** Persons conducting a verification must, on request, identify themselves and produce a certificate of authority.

No judicial proceedings may be brought against such persons for an act or omission in good faith in the exercise of their functions.

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"**10.9.** On completion of a verification, the Minister may, in writing, require the body that was the subject of the verification to take corrective measures, conduct the appropriate follow-up and comply with any other measure, including oversight and support measures, within the time the Minister specifies.

Where the body concerned is under the responsibility or jurisdiction of another minister, the follow-up and measures are established jointly with that other minister."

10. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 11:

"**11.1.** Section 11 does not restrict the application of any provision of another Act to the extent that the provision imposes more stringent laicity requirements than those imposed by this Act."

11. Section 12 of the Act is repealed.

12. Section 13 of the Act is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraphs:

"It is incumbent on the person exercising the highest administrative authority within a parliamentary institution or a body listed in Schedule I, except a school service centre referred to in paragraph 7 of Schedule I, to take the necessary means to ensure compliance with the measures provided for in this Act, to approve any request for an accommodation on a religious ground arising from the application of the right to equality, and to implement a procedure for processing complaints relating to the application of this Act.

Those responsibilities may be delegated to a member of the management personnel of the institution or body. In such a case, the institution or body notifies the Minister."

13. Section 15 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

"**15.** Where the prohibition on wearing religious symbols applies to a person who is not a personnel member of the body, the prohibition is deemed to be an integral part of the contract under which the person acts."

14. Section 17 of the Act is amended

(1) by adding the following paragraph at the beginning:

"Sections 1 to 3 prohibit an institution or body referred to in section 3 from constructing an immovable, or from installing movable property to adorn an immovable, that may reasonably be considered as promoting a religious conviction or belief or referring to a religious affiliation, unless that construction or installation is carried out within the scope of a project for the conservation

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or restoration of the immovable or movable property. That prohibition does not apply to an immovable that constitutes a private residence.";

(2) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "Sections 1 to 3" in the first paragraph by "Those sections";

(*b*) by replacing "an institution referred to in section 3" by "an institution or body referred to in section 3";

(*c*) by inserting "or body" after "However, an institution";

(3) by replacing "an institution" in the second paragraph by "an institution or body".

15. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 17:

"**17.1.** An institution or body referred to in section 3 that, in providing food services, offers a diet based on a religious precept or a tradition must also offer an equivalent diet that is not based on such a precept or tradition.

"**17.2.** No institution or body referred to in section 3 may prominently display a representation of a religious symbol in its communications, unless that religious symbol is an integral part of the logo or coat of arms used by the institution or body on 26 November 2025.

"**17.3.** No educational institution referred to in any of paragraphs 7, 12 and 12.1 of Schedule I may require a student to wear a religious symbol, unless that religious symbol is an integral part of the logo or coat of arms used by the institution on 26 November 2025.

"**17.4.** Sections 1 to 3 must not be interpreted as prohibiting the presence of an elected officer or a representative of an institution or body referred to in section 3 at a ceremony having a religious component.

"**17.5.** Any request for an accommodation on a religious ground arising from the application of the right to equality and submitted to an institution or body referred to in section 3 must, in addition to being processed in accordance with the obligations set out in sections 5 to 10 of the Act to foster living together and to provide a framework for accommodations on religious grounds (2026, chapter 6, section 28), comply with the principles set out in section 2 of this Act."

16. Section 31 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "within the same school board" in paragraph 5 by "predominantly within the same school service centre";

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

"(6) to persons referred to in paragraph 11 of Schedule II on 26 November 2025, for as long as they exercise the same function predominantly within the same organization;

"(7) to persons referred to in any of paragraphs 12, 13, 16 and 17 of Schedule II who provide a service in accordance with a contract other than a contract of employment in effect on 2 April 2026, unless the contract is renewed after that date;

"(8) to persons referred to in paragraph 14 of Schedule II on 26 November 2025, for as long as they provide the same service within the same organization;

"(9) to persons referred to in paragraph 15 of Schedule II on 26 November 2025, for as long as they exercise the same function within the same organization; or

"(10) to persons referred to in paragraph 18 or 19 of Schedule II on 25 February 2026, for as long as they exercise the same function within the same organization."

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

"**31.1.** Religious practice in an immovable of which an institution or body referred to in section 3 is the owner and which was being used predominantly for religious practice purposes before the transfer of ownership is permitted if that practice is the subject of an agreement entered into between the institution or body and the vendor of the immovable before 27 November 2025, for as long as that agreement remains in force without having been amended.

"**31.2.** Religious practice is permitted in the following immovables:

(1) chapelle Loyola, situated in the territory of Concordia University;

(2) chapelle Marie-Guyart, situated in the territory of Université Laval;

(3) Birks Heritage Chapel, situated in the territory of McGill University; and

(4) St. Mark's Chapel, situated in the territory of Bishop's University."

18. Section 33 of the Act is amended by replacing "and the amendments made by it to the Act to foster adherence to State religious neutrality and, in particular, to provide a framework for requests for accommodations on religious grounds in certain bodies apply" by "applies".

19. Section 35 of the Act is amended by replacing "minister designated by the Government" by "Minister Responsible for Laicity".

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20. Schedule I to the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "and subsidized day care centres" in paragraph 11 by ", subsidized day care centres and persons recognized as subsidized home educational childcare providers";

(2) by replacing paragraph 12 by the following paragraphs:

"(12) institutions accredited for purposes of subsidies under the Act respecting private education (chapter E-9.1) that provide an educational service referred to in any of paragraphs 1 to 5 of section 1 of that Act;

"(12.1) institutions accredited for purposes of subsidies under the Act respecting private education that provide an educational service referred to in any of paragraphs 7 to 9 of section 1 of that Act and institutions whose instructional program is the subject of an international agreement within the meaning of the Act respecting the Ministère des Relations internationales (chapter M-25.1.1);";

(3) by striking out "or the Act respecting health services and social services for the Inuit and Naskapi (chapter S-4.2)" in paragraph 13.

21. Schedule II to the Act is amended by adding the following paragraphs after paragraph 10:

"(11) personnel members of a body referred to in paragraph 12 of Schedule I who, for the purposes of their employment, are in a place, such as an immovable or a room, under the authority of the body or are in the presence of a student;

"(12) persons who regularly provide services in a place, such as an immovable or a room, put at the disposal of a body referred to in paragraph 12 of Schedule I, when they are in that place;

"(13) persons when they regularly provide services to students on behalf of a body referred to in paragraph 12 of Schedule I;

"(14) persons when they are providing a service under a reception, francization or integration program developed in accordance with section 60 of the Québec Immigration Act (chapter I-0.2.1);

"(15) personnel members of a childcare centre, home educational childcare coordinating office or subsidized day care centre governed by the Educational Childcare Act (chapter S-4.1.1);

"(16) persons who provide services in a facility under the authority of a childcare centre or subsidized day care centre governed by the Educational Childcare Act, when they are in the facility during the provision of childcare services;

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"(17) persons when they are providing services to children in a facility under the authority of a childcare centre or subsidized day care centre governed by the Educational Childcare Act;

"(18) the National Director of Youth Protection as well as directors of youth protection and persons the latter authorize to perform their duties under section 32 of the Youth Protection Act (chapter P-34.1); and

"(19) personnel members of Santé Québec who predominantly provide health services or social services, in a rehabilitation centre for young persons with adjustment problems, to a person who is the subject of a detention, custody or supervision measure under the Youth Criminal Justice Act (S.C. 2002, c. 1)."

ACT RESPECTING PRIVATE EDUCATION

22. The Act respecting private education (chapter E-9.1) is amended by inserting the following section after section 78:

"**78.1.** No accreditation may be granted to an institution whose provision of educational services prescribed in the basic school regulation during the hours of activities devoted to those services is based on religious standards or precepts, on the transmission of religious convictions or beliefs, or on religious practice, or to an institution that practices segregation on the basis of religious criteria in the selection of students or of personnel members.

An accreditation may be revoked under section 123 for failure to comply with the conditions set out in the first paragraph."

23. Section 123 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"The Minister may also, on his own initiative, revoke an accreditation if he considers that the institution does not comply with the conditions set out in the first paragraph of section 78.1".

EXECUTIVE POWER ACT

24. Section 4 of the Executive Power Act (chapter E-18) is amended by adding the following subparagraph at the end of the first paragraph:

"(41) a Minister Responsible for Laicity."

EDUCATION ACT

25. Section 96.21.1 of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3), amended by section 23 of chapter 29 of the statutes of 2025, is again amended by replacing "Act to foster adherence to State religious neutrality and, in particular, to provide a framework for requests for accommodations on religious grounds in certain bodies (chapter R-26.2.01)" by "Act to foster living together and to

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provide a framework for accommodations on religious grounds (2026, chapter 6, section 28)".

FREEDOM OF WORSHIP ACT

26. The Freedom of Worship Act (chapter L-2) is repealed.

ACT TO FOSTER ADHERENCE TO STATE RELIGIOUS NEUTRALITY AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS IN CERTAIN BODIES

27. The Act to foster adherence to State religious neutrality and, in particular, to provide a framework for requests for accommodations on religious grounds in certain bodies (chapter R-26.2.01) is repealed.

CHAPTER II

ENACTMENT OF THE ACT TO FOSTER LIVING TOGETHER AND TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR ACCOMMODATIONS ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

28. The Act to foster living together and to provide a framework for accommodations on religious grounds, the text of which appears in this chapter, is enacted.

"ACT TO FOSTER LIVING TOGETHER AND TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR ACCOMMODATIONS ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

"CHAPTER I

"PURPOSE

"**1.** The purpose of this Act is to foster and promote living together, in coherence with the national integration model, with respect for every person's freedom of conscience and freedom of religion.

A further purpose of this Act is to set out criteria to be taken into consideration when dealing with requests for accommodations on religious grounds resulting from the application of the right to equality.

"CHAPTER II

"COLLECTIVE RELIGIOUS PRACTICE

"**2.** No public road, within the meaning of the third paragraph of section 66 of the Municipal Powers Act (chapter C-47.1), or public park may be used for

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the purposes of collective religious practice unless a municipality authorizes, exceptionally and on a case-by-case basis, such a use in its public domain.

For the purposes of this Act, "religious practice" has the meaning assigned by section 10.1 of the Act respecting the laicity of the State (chapter L-0.3).

"**3.** A municipality may grant an authorization under section 2 only if the use for the purposes of collective religious practice meets the following conditions:

(1) it does not compromise human safety;

(2) it is of short duration;

(3) it is accessible to all; and

(4) it does not unduly impede access by any person to the municipality's public domain.

A use for the purposes of collective religious practice that excludes a person on the basis of a ground of discrimination recognized under the first paragraph of section 10 of the Charter of human rights and freedoms (chapter C-12) is not accessible to all.

"**CHAPTER III**

"RELIGIOUS PRACTICE

"**4.** No one may prohibit, limit, hinder or disrupt a religious practice within a place of worship or impede access to such a place.

"**CHAPTER IV**

"ACCOMMODATIONS ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

"**5.** This chapter applies to any request for an accommodation on a religious ground arising from the application of the right to equality.

"**6.** When dealing with a request for an accommodation on a religious ground, every person or body must ensure that

(1) the request is serious;

(2) the accommodation requested is consistent with the right to equality of women and men and the right of every person to be treated without discrimination; and

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(3) the accommodation is reasonable in that it does not impose more than minimal hardship with regard to, among other considerations, respect for the rights of others, human health and safety, the proper operation of the body having received the request, and the related costs.

No accommodation may be granted in connection with a request that a service be provided by a person based on that person's sex, gender identity or gender expression, unless it is a medical care service or unless the provision of the service involves physical contact with the person who receives it.

An accommodation may be granted only if the person requesting it has cooperated in seeking a solution that meets the criterion of reasonableness.

"**7.** Where a request for an accommodation on a religious ground by a personnel member involves an absence from work, more specific consideration must be given to the following factors:

(1) the frequency and duration of the absences on such a ground;

(2) the size of the administrative unit to which the person making the request belongs, the ability of the unit to adapt and the interchangeability of the body's workforce;

(3) the consequences of the absences on the work performance of the person making the request, on that of the other personnel members and on the organization of services;

(4) the possible arrangements by the person making the request, including modifying their work schedule, accumulating or using their bank of hours or days of leave, or their undertaking to make up the hours missed; and

(5) fairness with regard to the employment conditions of the other personnel members, including as concerns the number of days of paid leave and the establishment of work schedules.

"**8.** If a request for an accommodation on a religious ground concerns a child attending a childcare centre, subsidized day care centre or subsidized home educational childcare service governed by the Educational Childcare Act (chapter S-4.1.1), the centre or service must take into account the objectives set out in that Act to ensure that the following are not compromised:

(1) the quality of the educational childcare services;

(2) the educational program; and

(3) the health, safety and well-being of the children.

"**9.** If a request for an accommodation on a religious ground concerns a student attending an educational institution established by a school service

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centre, the school service centre must ensure, in any situation other than those referred to in sections 15 and 706 of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3), that the following are not compromised:

(1) compulsory school attendance;

(2) the basic school regulations established by the Government;

(3) the school's educational project;

(4) the school's mission, which is to impart knowledge to students, foster their social development and give them qualifications, in keeping with the principle of equal opportunity, while enabling them to undertake and achieve success in a course of study; and

(5) the ability of the institution to provide students with the educational services provided for by law.

This section also applies to institutions accredited for purposes of subsidies under the Act respecting private education (chapter E-9.1), except those that provide college-level instruction services, with the necessary modifications.

"**10.** If a request for an accommodation on a religious ground concerns a student attending a general and vocational college established under the General and Vocational Colleges Act (chapter C-29), a college-level institution accredited for purposes of subsidies under the Act respecting private education (chapter E-9.1) or an educational institution at the university level listed in paragraphs 1 to 11 of section 1 of the Act respecting educational institutions at the university level (chapter E-14.1), the college or institution must ensure that the following are not compromised:

(1) the ability of the college or institution to provide services to students;

(2) the fulfilment of the objectives, and the meeting of the requirements, of the program of studies; and

(3) academic freedom.

"**CHAPTER V**

"MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

"**11.** Anyone who does any of the following is liable to a fine of $125 to $375 in the case of a natural person and $375 to $1,125 in any other case:

(1) organizes or participates in a collective religious practice that is prohibited under section 2; or

(2) contravenes section 4.

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"**12.** The Minister may issue directives to any body referred to in Schedule I to the Act respecting the laicity of the State (chapter L-0.3) concerning the application of the provisions of this Act. The directives may apply to one or more bodies and contain different elements according to the body concerned.

The directives must be submitted to the Government for approval and be published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. Once approved, they are binding on the bodies to which they apply.

"**13.** This Act applies despite sections 1 to 38 of the Charter of human rights and freedoms (chapter C-12).

"**14.** This Act has effect notwithstanding the provisions of sections 2 and 7 to 15 of the Constitution Act, 1982 (Schedule B to the Canada Act, chapter 11 in the 1982 volume of the Acts of the Parliament of the United Kingdom).

"**15.** The Minister Responsible for Laicity is responsible for the administration of this Act."

CHAPTER III

FINAL PROVISION

29. The provisions of this Act come into force on 2 April 2026, except

(1) the provisions of section 6, section 8 insofar as it enacts the second paragraph of section 10 of the Act respecting the laicity of the State (chapter L-0.3), and section 9 insofar as it enacts sections 10.1 to 10.3 of the Act respecting the laicity of the State, which come into force on 1 September 2026;

(2) the provisions of section 22 insofar as it enacts the second paragraph of section 78.1 of the Act respecting private education (chapter E-9.1), and section 23, which come into force on 2 April 2029.

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

SECOND SESSION FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 13
(2026, chapter 7)

An Act to promote the population's safety and sense of security and to amend various provisions

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Act enacts two Acts to promote the population's safety and sense of security and amends various legislative provisions regarding public security.

The Act first enacts the Act respecting the public disclosure of information concerning certain sex offenders at high risk of reoffending, which establishes a committee whose main function is to decide whether such information must be disclosed to the public. That Act provides that the Sûreté du Québec and the correctional services of the Ministère de la Sécurité publique are to communicate to the committee the information determined by a government regulation concerning sex offenders. It empowers the Government to establish, by regulation, the definition of "sex offender" for the purposes of that Act and the elements that the committee must take into account as part of its analysis. It establishes the information to be contained in a public disclosure concerning a sex offender and limits the period of dissemination to three years. It provides a framework for the content and communication of the committee's decision and allows the sex offender concerned to contest the decision before the Administrative Tribunal of Québec. Under that Act, the Sûreté du Québec must disseminate the information concerning a sex offender in accordance with the conclusions of the committee's decision. Lastly, it establishes the manner in which the disseminated information is to be updated and re-examined.

The Act also enacts the Act to promote peace, order and public security in Québec, which prohibits anyone from demonstrating less than 50 metres from the grounds on which is located the residence of a member of Parliament, municipal officer or warden elected by a general vote. That Act also prohibits a person from possessing or throwing certain objects or substances that may be used to interfere with the physical integrity of a person or to threaten or intimidate a person or that may cause damage to property during a demonstration. It allows a member of a police force to search a person and the person's immediate environment where they have reasonable grounds to believe that the person possesses such an object, and to seize it. Furthermore, it prohibits, with certain exceptions, exposing to public view any object identifying an entity entered on the list of entities with a criminal purpose established by the Minister of Public Security.

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It provides the various terms and conditions related to entering an entity on the list.

The Act amends the Police Act, in particular to allow the Minister to determine the policing services that can be shared and to authorize the sharing of other police services between police forces. It establishes the rules allowing Indigenous police management boards to be constituted for the establishment and management of a joint police force. The Act also establishes the management board's status, its composition, how its affairs are to be administered as well as certain rules relating to its operation. It allows the management board to enter into an agreement with the Government to establish or maintain an Indigenous police force in the territory over which the management board has jurisdiction and determines the rules applicable to it.

The Act amends the Highway Safety Code to transfer the monitoring and control of highway transportation of persons and goods from the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec to the Minister of Public Security.

The Act amends the Act respecting safety in recreation and sports to introduce measures regarding combat sports, including the granting of new powers to the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux with respect to the issuance of licences or permits for a combat sports event.

The Act amends the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information so as to provide a framework for the communication of personal information, by a police force and in certain circumstances, to a body or to a person who is a victim.

The Act also amends the Private Security Act to review certain rules relating to the term of office of the members of the board of directors of the Bureau de la sécurité privée as well as the Act respecting the Québec correctional system so that a person who is a victim may read their written representations aloud during certain sittings of the Commission québécoise des libérations conditionnelles.

Lastly, the Act contains consequential and transitional provisions.

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LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THIS ACT:

– Act respecting the public disclosure of information concerning certain sex offenders at high risk of reoffending (2026, chapter 7, section 1);

– Act to promote peace, order and public security in Québec (2026, chapter 7, section 2).

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

– Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1);

– Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2);

– Tobacco Tax Act (chapter I-2);

– Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3);

– Act respecting the Ministère de la Sécurité publique (chapter M-19.3);

– Act respecting the Ministère des Transports (chapter M-28);

– Police Act (chapter P-13.1);

– Act respecting owners, operators and drivers of heavy vehicles (chapter P-30.3);

– Consumer Protection Act (chapter P-40.1);

– Act respecting the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux (chapter R-6.1);

– Act respecting safety in recreation and sports (chapter S-3.1);

– Private Security Act (chapter S-3.5);

– Act respecting the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (chapter S-11.011);

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

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REGULATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

– Regulation respecting environmental standards for heavy vehicles (chapter Q-2, r. 33).

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Bill 13

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE POPULATION'S SAFETY AND SENSE OF SECURITY AND TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I

ENACTMENT OF THE ACT RESPECTING THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CERTAIN SEX OFFENDERS AT HIGH RISK OF REOFFENDING

1. The Act respecting the public disclosure of information concerning certain sex offenders at high risk of reoffending, the text of which appears in this chapter, is enacted.

"ACT RESPECTING THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CERTAIN SEX OFFENDERS AT HIGH RISK OF REOFFENDING

"**DIVISION I**

"PURPOSE

"**1.** The purpose of this Act is the public disclosure of information concerning certain sex offenders at high risk of reoffending in order to enable any person to take the precautionary measures they consider appropriate to ensure their safety and that of their close relations. This Act is complementary to the other means at the disposal of the population of Québec and is not to be interpreted as requiring a person to take precautionary measures.

"**DIVISION II**

"ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMITÉ DE DIVULGATION DE RENSEIGNEMENTS CONCERNANT DES DÉLINQUANTS SEXUELS

"**2.** The Comité de divulgation de renseignements concernant des délinquants sexuels (the Committee) is hereby established.

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The main function of the Committee is to decide, in accordance with Division IV, whether information concerning a sex offender at high risk of reoffending must be disclosed to the public.

"**3.** The Committee is composed of the following members, appointed by the Minister:

(1) an employee of the Sûreté du Québec recommended by the Director General of the Sûreté du Québec;

(2) an employee of the correctional services of the Ministère de la Sécurité publique;

(3) a lawyer chosen from among those recommended by the Barreau du Québec;

(4) a person who has special expertise in assistance for persons who are victims of an offence of a sexual nature; and

(5) a person who has special expertise in reintegration of offenders into society or in sexual delinquency.

The chair and the vice-chair of the Committee are designated by the Minister from among its members. The chair directs and coordinates the work of the Committee. The vice-chair replaces the chair if the chair is absent or unable to act or if the office of chair is vacant.

The secretariat of the Committee is the responsibility of the Sûreté du Québec.

"**4.** The Committee members are appointed for a term of up to five years, which may be renewed.

Upon the expiry of their term, the members remain in office until they are reappointed or replaced.

Any vacancy occurring during a member's term of office is filled in accordance with the mode of appointment provided for in section 3.

"**5.** The members of the Committee receive no remuneration, except in the cases, on the conditions and to the extent that may be determined by the Government. They are, however, entitled to the reimbursement of expenses incurred in the exercise of their functions, on the conditions and to the extent determined by the Government.

"**6.** The Committee adopts internal by-laws including, in particular, rules to prevent conflict of interest situations.

"**7.** Committee meetings are closed to the public.

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The quorum at Committee meetings is a majority of its members.

The decisions of the Committee are to be made by a majority of its members.

"**8.** The Committee sends to the Minister, not later than 30 June each year and for the period from 1 April to 31 March preceding that date, a report on its activities.

The report must contain, in particular, the following information:

(1) the number of meetings held by the Committee;

(2) the number of files analyzed by the Committee;

(3) the number of sex offenders who were the subject of a public disclosure and the main characteristics of those offenders, in particular whether they were released by the Correctional Service of Canada or by the correctional services of the Ministère de la Sécurité publique;

(4) the number of disseminations that were ended or suspended as well as the grounds on which they were ended or suspended; and

(5) the number of sex offenders whose disclosed information was updated and the number of re-examinations conducted.

It must contain any other information requested by the Minister.

The Minister makes the report public on the website of the Minister's department within 60 days of receiving it.

"**DIVISION III**

"COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION TO THE SÛRETÉ DU QUÉBEC AND TO THE COMMITTEE

"**9.** A police force communicates as soon as possible to the Sûreté du Québec the information communicated to it by the Correctional Service of Canada under subsection 3 of section 25 of the Corrections and Conditional Release Act (S.C. 1992, c. 20) concerning a person incarcerated for an offence of a sexual nature who is about to be released by reason of the expiration of their term of imprisonment.

"**10.** The Sûreté du Québec communicates to the Committee, among the information communicated to it by a police force under section 9 or by the Correctional Service of Canada under subsection 3 of section 25 of the Corrections and Conditional Release Act (S.C. 1992, c. 20), the information determined by government regulation concerning a sex offender, as soon as possible prior to the offender's release.

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If the correctional services of the Ministère de la Sécurité publique have reasonable grounds to believe that a sex offender who is about to be released by reason of the expiration of their term of imprisonment is at high risk of reoffending, the correctional services of the Ministère de la Sécurité publique communicate to the Committee the information determined by government regulation concerning the offender, as soon as possible prior to the release.

For the purposes of this Act, "sex offender" means a sex offender as defined by government regulation.

"**DIVISION IV**

"ANALYSIS AND DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

"**11.** The Committee analyzes the information concerning a sex offender communicated to it under section 10 and decides whether information concerning that sex offender must be disclosed to the public.

The information must be disclosed if the Committee considers that the interest of public security outweighs the potential impacts of the disclosure on the sex offender concerned, including with respect to the offender's safety, freedom and privacy.

As part of its analysis, the Committee takes into account the elements determined by government regulation.

"**12.** The Committee may require from a police force or the correctional services of the Ministère de la Sécurité publique any information it considers necessary as part of its analysis. The Committee may also request that the Correctional Service of Canada communicate such information to it.

"**13.** Where the Committee must decide whether information concerning a sex offender must be disclosed, it so informs, in writing, the sex offender as well as any person who is a victim of an offence of a sexual nature for which the offender has been convicted and whose identity is known and gives them the opportunity to submit written observations within the time it determines. Persons who are victims may be assisted for the purpose of submitting their observations.

The Committee also informs the police force serving the territory in which the offence for which the sex offender has been convicted was committed as well as the police force serving the territory in which the offender is expected to reside and gives them the opportunity to submit observations within the time it determines.

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"**14.** Where the Committee finds that information concerning a sex offender must be disclosed, the disclosure is to contain the following information:

(1) the name of the sex offender and any name the offender goes by or by which the offender is known;

(2) the offender's year of birth;

(3) the offender's physical description, including any physical distinguishing mark;

(4) a photograph of the offender;

(5) the municipality or, if the Committee considers it more appropriate, the region where the offender is released and that where the offender resides or is expected to reside;

(6) the offender's date of release, the length of the term of imprisonment served, the offence for which the offender was convicted and, if the Committee considers it appropriate, the circumstances of the commission of the offence;

(7) the offences for which the offender was previously convicted and the circumstances of the commission of those offences, if the Committee considers it appropriate;

(8) the conditions with which the offender must comply upon release; and

(9) the common characteristics of the persons who are victims, provided this does not allow them to be identified directly or indirectly.

The Committee specifies, in the conclusions of its decision, the information to be disclosed and establishes the period of its dissemination, which is not to exceed three years.

"**15.** The Committee notifies its decision in writing, with reasons, to the sex offender concerned. It communicates the conclusions of its decision to the Sûreté du Québec, to the police force serving the territory in which the sex offender is released and to that serving the territory where the offender is expected to reside. The Committee also communicates the conclusions to any person who is a victim of an offence of a sexual nature for which the sex offender has been convicted and whose identity is known, unless that person has expressed to the Committee their refusal to receive such a communication. It may also communicate its conclusions to any other police force, person or body, if it considers it necessary.

"**16.** Every decision of the Committee may, within 60 days of its notification, be contested by the sex offender concerned before the Administrative Tribunal of Québec. Where the decision of the Committee is contested, the Committee so informs any person who is a victim and who has submitted observations under section 13.

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"**17.** Despite section 83 of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1), the sex offender is not to receive communication of the Committee's deliberations or of the written observations of a person who is a victim concerning the offender.

"**DIVISION V**

"DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

"**18.** The Sûreté du Québec disseminates information concerning a sex offender in accordance with the conclusions of the Committee's decision.

The dissemination must be accompanied by a warning indicating that its purpose is to enable any person to take the precautionary measures they consider appropriate to ensure their safety and that of their close relations and that its purpose is not to encourage vigilantism against the sex offender in any manner.

The Sûreté du Québec also disseminates a description of certain general precautionary measures that may be taken and indicates persons or organizations that a person may contact to obtain information.

"**19.** The dissemination of information concerning a sex offender ends as soon as the offender dies or is no longer subject to this Act.

In addition, the imprisonment of the sex offender suspends the dissemination of information concerning them until the offender's release.

"**DIVISION VI**

"UPDATING OF DISCLOSED INFORMATION AND RE-EXAMINATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION

"**20.** A police force communicates to the Committee, as soon as possible, any new fact that could warrant an update of the information concerning a sex offender. After analysis, the Committee decides whether the disclosed information must be updated.

"**21.** Within 90 days after the end of the period during which the information concerning a sex offender is disseminated, the Committee re-examines the decision it rendered to determine whether there is cause to render a new decision.

"**22.** The provisions of Divisions IV and V apply to the update under section 20 and to the re-examination under section 21, with the necessary modifications.

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"**DIVISION VII**

"IMMUNITY

"**23.** The Sûreté du Québec and its employees as well as the Committee and its members incur no civil liability for injury resulting from an act performed or omitted in good faith in the exercise of their functions.

"**DIVISION VIII**

"AMENDING PROVISIONS

"ACT RESPECTING ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE

"**24.** Section 18 of the Act respecting administrative justice (chapter J-3) is amended by inserting "of public disclosure of information concerning certain sex offenders at high risk of reoffending," after "others,".

"**25.** The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 23:

"**23.1.** In matters of public disclosure of information concerning certain sex offenders at high risk of reoffending, the social affairs division is charged with making determinations in respect of the proceedings referred to in section 2.2 of Schedule I.

"**23.2.** Proceedings shall be heard and determined by a single member who shall be an advocate or notary."

"**26.** Section 119 of the Act is amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 1:

"(1.1) a proceeding under section 16 of the Act respecting the public disclosure of information concerning certain sex offenders at high risk of reoffending (2026, chapter 7, section 1) which pertains to a decision of the Comité de divulgation de renseignements concernant des délinquants sexuels;".

"**27.** Schedule I to the Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 2.1:

"**2.2.** In matters of public disclosure of information concerning certain sex offenders at high risk of reoffending, the social affairs division hears and determines proceedings under section 16 of the Act respecting the public disclosure of information concerning certain sex offenders at high risk of reoffending (2026, chapter 7, section 1)."

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"**DIVISION IX**

"FINAL PROVISION

"**28.** The Minister of Public Security is responsible for the administration of this Act."

CHAPTER II

ENACTMENT OF THE ACT TO PROMOTE PEACE, ORDER AND PUBLIC SECURITY IN QUÉBEC

2. The Act to promote peace, order and public security in Québec, the text of which appears in this chapter, is enacted.

"ACT TO PROMOTE PEACE, ORDER AND PUBLIC SECURITY IN QUÉBEC

"**DIVISION I**

"PURPOSE

"**1.** The purpose of this Act is to prevent adverse effects on peace, order and public security in order to promote the peaceful enjoyment of premises and property in the public sphere and the safety of persons.

"**DIVISION II**

"DEMONSTRATIONS

"**2.** For the purposes of this division, "demonstration" means an assembly, gathering or march of persons who express an opinion, dissatisfaction or support for a person, a group of persons or a cause, and "demonstrate" means to take part in such a demonstration.

"**3.** No one may demonstrate less than 50 metres from grounds on which is located the residence of a member of Parliament, of a municipal officer or of a warden elected in accordance with section 210.29.2 of the Act respecting municipal territorial organization (chapter O-9).

No one may organize a demonstration with the intention of contravening the first paragraph.

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"**4.** No one may, during a demonstration,

(1) have in their possession, without a valid reason, an object or substance that may be used to interfere with the physical integrity of a person or to threaten or intimidate a person or that may cause damage to property, in particular a tool, billiard ball, piece of pavement or weapon, such as an airgun, bow, cross-bow, knife or chemical agent;

(2) have in their possession, unless so authorized by a competent authority or by the police force serving the territory in which the demonstration is being held, pyrotechnic devices, substances meant to produce a gaseous or smoke effect, or other explosive materials; or

(3) throw an object or substance referred to in paragraph 1 or 2.

"**5.** A member of a police force who has reasonable grounds to believe that a person is contravening the provisions of section 4 may, without a warrant, search that person and the person's immediate environment and, if applicable, seize the object or substance in the person's possession.

"**DIVISION III**

"PROHIBITION TO EXPOSE AN OBJECT IDENTIFYING AN ENTITY WITH A CRIMINAL PURPOSE

"**6.** No one may expose to public view, in particular by wearing, disseminating, posting or displaying it, any object identifying an entity entered on the list of entities with a criminal purpose drawn up by the Minister that exhibits one of the following symbols or names:

(1) a symbol, such as an emblem, an insignia or a representation, used by the entity or associated with it or a symbol that could be mistaken for such a symbol; or

(2) the name of the entity or another name, such as an abbreviation or acronym, used by the entity or associated with it or a name that could be mistaken for any of those names.

The prohibition set out in the first paragraph applies to an object identifying an entity entered on the list of entities with a criminal purpose as of the date of the publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, under the first paragraph of section 8, of the Minister's decision to enter the name of the entity on the list.

"**7.** An exception is made to the first paragraph of section 6 where an object identifying an entity entered on the list of entities with a criminal purpose is, in good faith and in a reasonable manner, exposed to public view in

(1) a journalistic context;

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(2) an educational or pedagogical context;

(3) an artistic or cultural context, to the extent that exposing the object is necessary as part of representing, exposing, disseminating or distributing a work;

(4) a judicial context; or

(5) any other context where exposing the object is clearly relevant for the public interest.

"**8.** The Minister enters the name of an entity on the list of entities with a criminal purpose for the purposes of section 6 or removes it on the substantiated recommendation of a division of law enforcement designated by the Minister whose mandate relates to criminal information management. Every decision of the Minister is published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

The designated division of law enforcement may consult any police force for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Minister under this division.

"**9.** The name of an entity may be entered on the list of entities with a criminal purpose, with a view to fighting against the sense of insecurity or the attractiveness the entity may engender, on the following conditions:

(1) members of the entity or persons associated with or related to it are active in the territory of Québec;

(2) there are reasonable grounds to believe that members of the entity or persons associated with or related to it pursue, individually or collectively, a criminal purpose by committing or attempting to commit criminal offences, by participating or collaborating in the commission of such offences or by facilitating or promoting the commission of such offences; and

(3) members of the entity or persons associated with or related to it could expose to public view a symbol or a name referred to in the first paragraph of section 6.

"**10.** Where an entity entered on the list of entities with a criminal purpose considers that the conditions set out in section 9 are not met, it may apply in writing to the Minister to be removed from it, indicating the reasons for the application.

The designated division of law enforcement examines the reasons submitted by the entity and verifies whether the conditions are met. The Minister informs the entity of the follow-up given to its application, within a reasonable time.

"**11.** The list of entities with a criminal purpose must undergo an annual review. To that end, the designated division of law enforcement verifies, for each entity, whether the conditions under section 9 are met.

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"**DIVISION IV**

"PENAL PROVISIONS

"**12.** Anyone who contravenes the provisions of section 3 is liable to a fine of $250 to $1,250 in the case of a natural person and $750 to $3,750 in any other case.

"**13.** Anyone who contravenes the provisions of section 4 is liable to a fine of $500 to $5,000 in the case of a natural person and $1,500 to $15,000 in any other case.

"**14.** Anyone who contravenes the provisions of the first paragraph of section 6 is liable to a fine of $1,000 to $5,000 in the case of a natural person and $3,000 to $15,000 in any other case.

"**15.** Anyone who, by an act or omission, helps or, by encouragement, advice or consent, or by an authorization or an order, induces another person to commit an offence under this Act commits the same offence.

"**16.** Where a legal person or an agent, mandatary or employee of a legal person, partnership or association without legal personality commits an offence under this Act, the directors or officers 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.

"**17.** The amounts of the fines prescribed in this Act are doubled for a second or subsequent offence.

"**18.** A local municipality may institute penal proceedings for an offence under this Act that was committed within its territory.

The fines belong to the municipality that instituted the proceedings.

A proceeding referred to in the first paragraph is instituted before any municipal court that has jurisdiction in the territory where the offence was committed. The costs relating to a proceeding instituted before a municipal court belong to the municipality to which that court is attached, except the part of the costs remitted to another prosecutor by the collector under article 345.2 of the Code of Penal Procedure (chapter C-25.1) and the costs remitted to the defendant or imposed on the municipality under article 223 of that Code.

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"**DIVISION V**

"TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

"**19.** An exception is made to the first paragraph of section 6 in the case where a funeral monument or urn identifying an entity entered on the list of entities with a criminal purpose, in a place of burial where lie the remains of a deceased person, is exposed to public view before the date of the publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of the Minister's decision to enter the name of the entity on the list.

"**20.** The Minister of Public Security is responsible for the administration of this Act."

CHAPTER III

PROVISIONS RELATING TO POLICE

POLICE ACT

3. Section 70 of the Police Act (chapter P-13.1) is amended, in the sixth paragraph,

(1) by striking out subparagraph 2;

(2) by replacing "any support services or emergency measures" in subparagraph 3 by "policing services";

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

"(4) the sharing of investigations services, emergency measures services or support services, with the authorization of the Minister."

4. The Act is amended by inserting the following division after section 93:

"**DIVISION IV.1**

"INDIGENOUS POLICE MANAGEMENT BOARDS

"§1. — *Establishment of the management board*

"**93.1.** Indigenous communities, each represented by its band council, may enter into an agreement with each other for the purpose of requesting that the Government form an Indigenous police management board responsible for establishing and managing a joint police force. The Indigenous communities shall send to the Government a prior notice stating their intention to enter into such an agreement.

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"**93.2.** The agreement under section 93.1 indicates, among others, the following particulars:

(1) the name of the management board;

(2) the place where the head office of the management board will be situated;

(3) the composition of the management board's board of directors, the mode of appointment of its members, including the chair, and the duration of their term;

(4) the number of votes, which may be in number and in value, attributed to each of the members of the board of directors of the management board;

(5) the rules governing the operation of the management board;

(6) the mode of apportionment of the financial contributions, among the Indigenous communities that are parties to the agreement, for the operation of the management board;

(7) the mechanism to be used in settling disputes;

(8) the duration, renewal procedures and the grounds for cancellation of the agreement; and

(9) the apportionment of the assets and liabilities as well as the allocation of the members of the police force and of the personnel where the management board is modified or dissolved.

"**93.3.** The Indigenous communities send to the Minister the agreement under section 93.1 and the resolutions by which it was authorized.

The Minister may request that the Indigenous communities provide any information or document the Minister considers necessary for the analysis of the agreement.

The Minister and the Indigenous communities who are parties to the agreement are to agree on the territory in which the management board will have jurisdiction and on any changes to be made to the agreement, if applicable.

"**93.4.** The Government may, by order, establish an Indigenous police management board in accordance with the agreement appended to it.

"**93.5.** The Indigenous communities may agree to modifications to the agreement entered into under section 93.1. In such a case, they send to the Minister a prior notice stating their intention to modify the agreement.

The provisions of section 93.3 apply, with the necessary modifications.

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The Government may only amend the order establishing the management board if the agreement under section 93.1 is modified.

"**93.6.** The Government may, by order, dissolve the management board in the following cases:

(1) at the request of all the Indigenous communities that are parties to the agreement under section 93.1;

(2) at the expiry of the agreement under section 93.1; or

(3) if the Government considers that the dissolution is necessary in the public interest.

"**93.7.** The management board is a legal person.

The management board is composed of the members of the board of directors.

"**93.8.** The affairs of the management board are administered by a board of directors composed of members of the band councils representing the Indigenous communities in whose territory the management board has jurisdiction.

"**93.9.** The meetings of the board of directors of the management board are public.

"**93.10.** A majority of the board members constitutes a quorum.

"**93.11.** Decisions of the board of directors are made by a majority vote.

"**93.12.** A member of the board of directors ceases to be part of the board if he loses the status of band council member on the basis of which he was appointed.

However, such a person does not cease to hold office at the expiry of his term as a member of the band council if he is re-elected at the election held after the expiry of his term.

"**93.13.** The board of directors appoints, where it considers it advisable, any employee it considers useful for the operation of the management board.

"**93.14.** The board of directors of the management board may make internal by-laws.

"§2. — *Establishment of the police force*

"**93.15.** A management board established under section 93.4 may enter into an agreement with the Government to establish or maintain an Indigenous police force in the territory over which the management board has jurisdiction.

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The police force thus established or maintained is, during the term of the agreement, a police force for the purposes of this Act.

Sections 91 to 93 apply, with the necessary modifications."

HIGHWAY SAFETY CODE

5. Section 597 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) is amended by replacing "section 90" in subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph by "sections 90 and 93.15".

TOBACCO TAX ACT

6. Section 15.0.1 of the Tobacco Tax Act (chapter I-2) is amended by replacing "section 90" in subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph by "sections 90 and 93.15".

CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

7. Section 290.2 of the Consumer Protection Act (chapter P-40.1) is amended by replacing "section 90" in subparagraph *a* of the second paragraph by "sections 90 and 93.15".

CHAPTER IV

PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE MONITORING AND CONTROL OF HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS AND GOODS

DIVISION I

AMENDING PROVISIONS

HIGHWAY SAFETY CODE

8. The heading of Title VIII.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) is amended by adding "MONITORING AND" at the beginning.

9. Chapter I of Title VIII.2 of the Code, comprising sections 519.63 to 519.66.1, is repealed.

10. The Code is amended by striking out the following before section 519.67:

"**DIVISION I**

"AUTHORITY OF HIGHWAY CONTROLLERS".

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11. Section 519.67 of the Code is amended

(1) by replacing "The Société may designate any member of its personnel to act as a highway controller" in the first paragraph by "Certain members of the personnel of the Ministère de la Sécurité publique act as highway controllers";

(2) in the second paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "Highway controllers are peace officers authorized" in the introductory clause by "Such highway controllers' function is";

(*b*) by striking out subparagraph 3;

(*c*) by adding the following subparagraphs after subparagraph 4:

"(5) the Motor Vehicle Transport Act (R.S.C. 1985, c. 29 (3rd Suppl.)); and

"(6) any other legislative or regulatory provision determined by the Government.";

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

"Any person having authority over a highway controller may perform the same duties as that highway controller."

12. Section 519.68 of the Code is replaced by the following section:

"**519.68.** When performing duties mentioned in section 519.67, a highway controller and any person having authority over the controller are peace officers and have jurisdiction to prevent and repress crime throughout Québec.

They must, on request, identify themselves and show proof of their capacity.

They must take the oaths set out in Schedules A and B of the Police Act (chapter P-13.1) before a judge of the Court of Québec or of a municipal court."

13. Section 519.69 of the Code is replaced by the following section:

"**519.69.** A highway controller referred to in section 519.67 who is found guilty of an act or omission referred to in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph of section 115 of the Police Act (chapter P-13.1) must inform the person having authority over the controller of the conviction.

In addition, sections 286 to 289 of that Act apply to that highway controller and to the person having authority over the controller, with the necessary modifications."

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14. The Code is amended by striking out the following before section 519.70:

"**DIVISION II**

"POWERS RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS AND GOODS".

15. Section 519.71 of the Code is amended by replacing "under the responsibility of the Société under an agreement entered into in accordance with this Title" in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by "determined by the Government under subparagraph 6 of the second paragraph of section 519.67".

16. Section 519.74 of the Code is replaced by the following sections:

"**519.74.** Any highway controller who wears their uniform, badges or service weapon or uses other items belonging to their employer when not on duty or authorized by the person having authority over them is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine of $500 to $3,000.

"**519.74.1.** Every person who deceives others into believing that they are a highway controller, in particular by wearing a uniform or a badge, is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine of $500 to $3,000.

"**519.74.2.** Every person who contravenes the provisions of the first paragraph of section 519.69 is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine of $250 to $2,500."

17. The Code is amended by inserting the following section after section 520:

"**520.0.1.** The Société may designate any member of its personnel to act as a mechanical inspection highway controller.

Such a controller's duties are to

(1) conduct quality control of the mechanical inspection performed by the persons authorized to perform, on behalf of the Société, the mechanical inspection of the road vehicles the Société determines and by the highway transportation undertakings that obtained the certificate of recognition in accordance with section 543.4;

(2) assess the applications for certification of the preventive maintenance programs of highway transportation undertakings and contribute to the certification of the persons authorized to perform, on behalf of the Société, the mechanical inspection of the road vehicles the Société determines; and

(3) carry out any other task entrusted to the controller by the Société.

Any person having authority over a highway controller may perform the same duties as that highway controller.

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When performing the duties provided for in the second paragraph, highway controllers and persons having authority over them are peace officers."

18. Section 596.1 of the Code is amended by replacing "which is under the responsibility of the Société pursuant to an agreement entered into in accordance with Title VIII.2" in the first paragraph by "determined by the Government under subparagraph 6 of the second paragraph of section 519.67".

19. Section 596.2 of the Code is amended by replacing "which is under the responsibility of the Société pursuant to an agreement entered into in accordance with Title VIII.2" by "determined by the Government under subparagraph 6 of the second paragraph of section 519.67".

20. Section 636 of the Code is amended by replacing "agreements entered into under section 519.65 and" by "a legislative or regulatory provision determined by the Government under subparagraph 6 of the second paragraph of section 519.67 or".

21. Section 636.3 of the Code is amended by replacing "the Société" in the third paragraph by "the Minister of Public Security or the Société, as applicable,".

22. Section 638.1 of the Code is amended, in the first paragraph,

(1) by inserting "a legislative or regulatory provision determined by the Government under subparagraph 6 of the second paragraph of section 519.67 or" after "under this Code,";

(2) by striking out "or an Act the Société is responsible for enforcing in accordance with section 519.64".

23. Section 648 of the Code is amended by replacing "in exercising its jurisdiction pursuant to Title VIII.2 of this Code and" in paragraph 6 by "for".

24. Section 650 of the Code is amended by inserting "and those of Title VIII.2" after "supervision".

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DE LA SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE

25. Section 9 of the Act respecting the Ministère de la Sécurité publique (chapter M-19.3) is amended

(1) by inserting "and to the monitoring and control of highway transportation of persons and goods" at the end of paragraph 6;

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(2) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 6:

"(6.1) to assume operational coordination in the monitoring and control of highway transportation between the government departments and bodies concerned and to promote stricter highway monitoring and control throughout Québec;".

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DES TRANSPORTS

26. Section 3 of the Act respecting the Ministère des Transports (chapter M-28) is amended by inserting ", monitoring and control of highway transportation of persons and goods" after "supervision" in subparagraph *f* of the first paragraph.

ACT RESPECTING OWNERS, OPERATORS AND DRIVERS OF HEAVY VEHICLES

27. Section 7 of the Act respecting owners, operators and drivers of heavy vehicles (chapter P-30.3) is amended by replacing "referred to in section 519.65 of that Code in respect of which an agreement has been entered into with the Société" in subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph by "determined by the Government under subparagraph 6 of the second paragraph of section 519.67 of that Code".

28. Section 22 of the Act is amended by inserting ", the Minister of Public Security" after "police forces" in the first paragraph.

29. Section 23 of the Act is amended by replacing "provision of an Act the application of which it is responsible for pursuant to section 519.65 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) if such a provision, as determined by the Government by regulation, concerns the safety of the users of roads open to public vehicular traffic or the integrity of those roads and an agreement has been entered into between the Société and the authority responsible for the application of that provision" by "legislative or regulatory provision referred to in subparagraph 6 of the second paragraph of section 519.67 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), where such a provision, as determined by the Government by regulation, concerns the safety of the users of roads open to public vehicular traffic or the integrity of those roads,".

30. Section 49 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing "The Société shall" and "any information enabling the Société" in the first paragraph by "The Société and the Minister of Public Security shall" and "and to the Minister of Public Security any information enabling them", respectively;

(2) by replacing "and the Société" in the second paragraph by ", the Société and the Minister of Public Security".

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ACT RESPECTING THE SOCIÉTÉ DE L'ASSURANCE AUTOMOBILE DU QUÉBEC

31. Section 2 of the Act respecting the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (chapter S-11.011) is amended by striking out paragraphs *e* and *f* of subsection 1.

32. Section 19 of the Act is amended by striking out the second paragraph.

REGULATION RESPECTING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR HEAVY VEHICLES

33. Section 10.1 of the Regulation respecting environmental standards for heavy vehicles (chapter Q-2, r. 33) is amended

(1) by replacing "of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec pursuant to an agreement under sections 519.64 to 519.66" in the first paragraph by "referred to in Title VIII.2";

(2) by striking out the second paragraph.

DIVISION II

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

34. The rights and obligations of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec relating to the monitoring and control of highway transportation of persons and goods under Title VIII.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), except those referred to in section 35 of this Act, become those of the Minister of Public Security as of 1 January 2027. The Government may determine the applicable terms.

The Attorney General of Québec becomes, without continuance of suit, a party to all proceedings to which the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec was a party with respect to those rights and obligations.

35. The rights and obligations of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec relating to immovable property for the monitoring and control of highway transportation of persons and goods under Title VIII.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), identified by the Minister of Public Security, after consultation with the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, become those of the Société québécoise des infrastructures as of 1 January 2027. The Government may determine the applicable terms.

No transfer duties provided for by the Act respecting duties on transfers of immovables (chapter D-15.1) are payable in respect of the transfer.

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The Société québécoise des infrastructures must, not later than 1 April 2027, file with the Land Registrar a notice identifying any immovable of which the Société has become the owner under the first paragraph.

The Société québécoise des infrastructures becomes, without continuance of suit, a party to all proceedings to which the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec was a party with respect to such immovable property.

36. Any agreement entered into under sections 519.64 and 519.65 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) remains in force until the coming into force of the first order of the Government made under subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph of section 519.67, enacted by section 11 of this Act.

37. Any agreement entered into between the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec and the Minister of Finance under paragraph 6 of section 648 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), as it read before being amended by section 23 of this Act, is resiliated on 1 January 2027.

38. The employees of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec assigned to the monitoring and control of highway transportation of persons and goods and those who act in support of those employees identified by the Minister of Public Security, after consultation with the Société, become, without further formality, employees of the Ministère de la Sécurité publique as of 1 January 2027, except

(1) the employees of the Société who belong to the communications adviser class of positions, who become employees of the Ministère du Conseil exécutif; and

(2) the employees of the Société who belong to the advocate and notary class of positions, who become employees of the Ministère de la Justice.

39. Subject to the conditions of employment applicable to them, the employees of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec who are assigned to the management of immovable property for the monitoring and control of highway transportation of persons and goods under Title VIII.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) identified by the Chair of the Conseil du trésor, after consultation with the Société, become, without further formality, employees of the Société québécoise des infrastructures as of 1 January 2027.

40. Any employee transferred to the Société québécoise des infrastructures under section 39 who, on the date of the transfer, was a public servant with permanent tenure may apply for a position in the public service offered as a transfer or take part in a promotion selection process for such a position in accordance with the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1).

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The same applies in the case of an employee transferred to the Société québécoise des infrastructures who, on the date of the transfer, was a public servant who had not acquired permanent tenure, other than a casual employee.

41. An employee referred to in section 40 who applies for a position in the public service offered as a transfer or enters a promotion selection process may apply to the Chair of the Conseil du trésor for an opinion on the classification that would be assigned to them in the public service. The opinion must take into account the classification they held in the public service on the date of their transfer and the experience and formal education acquired since being employed by the Société québécoise des infrastructures.

However, before being entitled to apply for a position in the public service offered as a transfer, employees referred to in the second paragraph of section 40 who had not completed the probationary period required under section 13 of the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1) before being transferred to the Société must successfully complete the remainder of the probationary period within the Société.

If an employee is selected to hold the position in the public service offered as a transfer following the application of section 40, the Deputy Minister or the chief executive officer of the body establishes the employee's classification in keeping with the opinion provided for in the first paragraph.

However, employees referred to in the second paragraph of section 40 who, at the time of their transfer to the Société, had not completed the period of continuous employment required for the purposes of section 14 of the Public Service Act to acquire permanent tenure and who, at the time they are transferred to a position in the public service, still have not completed the equivalent of that period by adding the time served in the public service before transferring to the Société and that served as an employee of the Société must, before acquiring permanent tenure, complete the remainder of that period from the day a classification is established for them.

If an employee obtains a position in the public service after taking part in a promotion selection process under section 40, their classification must take into account the criteria set out in the first paragraph.

42. If some or all of the activities of the Société québécoise des infrastructures are discontinued, an employee referred to in section 39 who had permanent tenure at the time of their transfer is entitled to be placed on reserve in the public service with the same classification the employee had on the date of the transfer.

An employee referred to in the second paragraph of section 40 is entitled to be placed on reserve in the public service only if, at the time some or all of the Société's activities are discontinued, the time accumulated in the public service before their transfer to the Société and the time accumulated as an employee of the Société is equivalent to at least the period of continuous employment required under section 14 of the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1).

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If some of the Société's activities are discontinued, the employee continues to exercise their functions within the Société until the Chair of the Conseil du trésor is able to assign the employee a position in accordance with section 100 of the Public Service Act.

When assigning a position to an employee referred to in this section, the Chair of the Conseil du trésor determines the employee's classification on the basis of the criteria set out in the first paragraph of section 41.

43. Subject to remedies available under a collective agreement or provisions standing in lieu thereof, an employee referred to in section 39 who is dismissed may bring an appeal under section 33 of the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1) if they were a public servant with permanent tenure on the date of their transfer to the Société québécoise des infrastructures.

The same applies in the case of an employee referred to in the second paragraph of section 40. However, an employee referred to in that paragraph who had not completed the probationary period required under section 13 of the Public Service Act before being transferred to the Société must successfully complete the remainder of the probationary period within the Société before being entitled to bring such an appeal.

44. At the request of the Minister of Public Security or the Chair of the Conseil du trésor, as applicable, the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec provides, within the time specified by the Minister or the Chair, any information or document necessary for the purposes of sections 34, 35, 38 and 39 of this Act.

CHAPTER V

PROVISIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE SAFETY AND INTEGRITY OF PROFESSIONAL CONTESTANTS IN COMBAT SPORTS

ACT RESPECTING THE RÉGIE DES ALCOOLS, DES COURSES ET DES JEUX

45. Section 29 of the Act respecting the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux (chapter R-6.1) is amended by inserting ", section 46.1.2 of the Act respecting safety in recreation and sports" after both occurrences of "under section 85.1 of the Act respecting liquor permits".

ACT RESPECTING SAFETY IN RECREATION AND SPORTS

46. Section 42 of the Act respecting safety in recreation and sports (chapter S-3.1) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"The board may require that the applicant produce any document or information necessary for the examination of the application, including any document relating to the applicant's sources of financing."

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47. Section 44 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"The board may subject the issue of the licence or permit to any condition, restriction or prohibition it determines."

48. Section 46 of the Act is amended by adding the following subparagraphs at the end of the first paragraph:

"(5) where the board has reasonable grounds to believe that a refusal is necessary to ensure the safety and integrity of the applicant;

"(6) where the applicant refuses or neglects to provide the information or documents required by the board; or

"(7) where the applicant fails to pay a monetary administrative penalty imposed under sections 46.1.1 or 46.1.2 and for which no proceeding has been brought before the Administrative Tribunal of Québec."

49. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 46:

"**46.0.1.** The board must refuse to issue a licence or permit

(1) where the applicant's right to obtain a new licence or permit was suspended following a decision of the board in cases determined pursuant to subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph of section 55.3; or

(2) where the applicant is subject to a sanction imposed by an athletic commission or a similar government-established agency restricting or limiting the applicant's ability to participate in a sports event and where that sanction is still in force at the time the application for a licence or permit is made."

50. Section 46.1 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"The board may, instead of cancelling or suspending a licence or permit or in addition to suspending it in cases determined pursuant to subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph or section 55.3, impose on the licence or permit holder a monetary administrative penalty in an amount not exceeding $100,000."

51. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 46.1:

"**46.1.1.** The board may, instead of cancelling or suspending a licence or permit or in addition to suspending it in cases referred to in section 46.1, or in cases determined pursuant to subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph of section 55.3, impose on the licence or permit holder any condition, restriction or prohibition the board determines. The board may also, in addition to

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suspending a licence or permit and imposing on the licence or permit holder any condition, restriction or prohibition the board determines, impose a monetary administrative penalty in an amount not exceeding $100,000.

"**46.1.2.** The board may impose a monetary administrative penalty, in an amount determined by regulation, where there is, on the part of the licence or permit holder, a failure to comply referred to in a regulation made under subparagraph 15 of the first paragraph of section 55.3.

"**46.1.3.** The board notifies a notice of claim to the licence or permit holder where a monetary administrative penalty is imposed on the holder under the provisions of section 46.1.2.

Such a notice must state

(1) the amount claimed and the date on which it becomes due;

(2) the reasons for its exigibility;

(3) the terms of payment of the amount claimed;

(4) the time from which it bears interest;

(5) the manner in which the notice of claim may be contested; and

(6) that the holder will be convened to a hearing before the board if the holder fails to pay the amount owed and that this failure could result in the cancellation of his permit.

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.

"**46.1.4.** The board must cancel or suspend a licence or permit if the licence or permit holder fails to pay the monetary administrative penalty that was imposed on them in accordance with section 46.1.2 and for which the time limit for contesting has expired."

52. Section 46.2.1 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

"**46.2.1.** The board or any person it authorizes to act as an official at a sports event may, during a bout, to ensure the safety and integrity of the contestants, supplement the rules of a bout between two contestants provided for in this chapter or the regulations made under it with any standard or rule recognized by a professional combat sports organization that is compatible with that objective.

The board and those persons may, without delay, where a provision of this chapter or the regulations made under it is not complied with, prohibit a sports event or part of it or order the sports event stopped."

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53. Section 53.1 of the Act is amended by replacing "in section 46.1 or 46.37 or in the regulations under paragraphs 4 and 5 of section 55.3, and any person in respect of whom a decision has been rendered by the board in accordance with subparagraph 1 or 3 of section 46.2.1" in the first paragraph by "in section 46.1, 46.1.4 or 46.37 or in the regulations made under subparagraphs 4 and 5 of the first paragraph of section 55.3, on whom was imposed a monetary administrative penalty under section 46.1 or 46.1.1 or in respect of whom a decision was rendered under the second paragraph of section 46.2.1".

54. The Act is amended by inserting the following chapter after section 53.1:

"**CHAPTER VI.1**

"RECOVERY MEASURES

"**53.2.** Where an amount exigible under Chapter V of this Act or the regulations is not paid, the board may issue a certificate attesting the exigibility of the debt and the amount owing; that certificate is proof of the exigibility of the debt.

The certificate may be issued by the board at any time after the expiry of thirty days after the date that debt becomes exigible. However, where the board has reasonable grounds to believe that the debtor is attempting to avoid payment, the board may issue the certificate without delay.

"**53.3.** Once the board has issued the certificate, it may, if applicable, recover the debt by way of compensation, that is, by withholding part of any amount it owes the debtor under Chapter V of this Act or the regulations made under it.

"**53.4.** When the certificate attesting the exigibility of the debt and the amount owing is filed at the office of the competent court, the clerk enters on the back of the certificate the date of its filing and renders judgment in favour of the board for the amount contemplated in the certificate and interest, if any, and for legal costs against the person bound to pay the debt concerned. The judgment is equivalent to a judgment rendered by the competent court and has all the effects of such a judgment.

"**53.5.** The execution of a judgment rendered after a certificate is filed under section 53.4 is to proceed in accordance with the rules of Book VIII of the Code of Civil Procedure (chapter C-25.01)."

55. Section 55.3 of the Act is amended by adding the following subparagraphs at the end of the first paragraph:

"(14) establish the terms and conditions for issuing, modifying or renewing an authorization of use for therapeutic purposes, determine its duration and fix the duties and administration fees payable for its issue, modification or renewal;

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"(15) determine the objectively observable failures to comply with a provision of Chapter V or with a regulation made under that chapter that may be the subject of a monetary administrative penalty, the conditions for applying a monetary administrative penalty and the amounts or the method for calculating the penalty, which may vary, in particular, according to the seriousness of the failure, for each of such failures."

56. Section 59 of the Act is amended by replacing "$500 to $5,000" and "$1,000 to $10,000" by "$1,000 to $10,000" and "$2,000 to $20,000", respectively.

CHAPTER VI

OTHER AMENDING PROVISIONS

ACT RESPECTING ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS HELD BY PUBLIC BODIES AND THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

57. Section 59 of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1) is amended by inserting "61.1, 61.2," after "sections 61," in subparagraph 8 of the second paragraph.

58. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 61:

"**61.1.** A police force may, without the consent of the person concerned and following a police intervention in respect of a person suspected of having committed an act in the context of spousal violence, communicate personal information concerning that person that is contained in an event report or a related document, to a body designated by the Minister of Justice, if that information is necessary for that body to carry out an initial intervention with that person.

"**61.2.** In a context where a person who has been arrested in connection with the commission of a criminal offence is released while awaiting their court appearance, a police force may communicate, including in writing, to a person who is a victim the conditions of the release that are necessary to ensure the latter's safety, without the consent of the person concerned."

PRIVATE SECURITY ACT

59. Section 48 of the Private Security Act (chapter S-3.5) is replaced by the following section:

"**48.** Board members are appointed for a term of three years.

At the expiry of their term, the members remain in office until they are reappointed or replaced."

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60. Section 51 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

"**51.** Six months before a board member's term expires, the Bureau must give the Minister and, if applicable, the association that appointed the member a notice of the expiry of the term.

Where the term of a member appointed by an association expires, the Minister may, in particular if new applications for recognition have been made in accordance with section 45, assess the representativeness of the association that appointed the member and, if the Minister considers that the association has lost its status as the association most representative of the private security industry, grant recognition to another association."

ACT RESPECTING THE QUÉBEC CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM

61. Section 176 of the Act respecting the Québec correctional system (chapter S-40.1) is amended

(1) by replacing "president" in the first paragraph by "chair";

(2) by adding the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph: "The chair of the parole board must offer a person who is a victim the opportunity to read their written representations aloud at a sitting, unless there is reasonable cause to believe that, by doing so, the safety of the person who is a victim or of another person could be compromised."

CHAPTER VII

FINAL PROVISION

62. The provisions of this Act come into force on 2 April 2026, except

(1) the provisions of section 1, which come into force on the date of the coming into force of the first regulation made under sections 10 and 11 of the Act respecting the public disclosure of information concerning certain sex offenders at high risk of reoffending (2026, chapter 7, section 1), enacted by that section; and

(2) the provisions of sections 8 to 33 and 40 to 43, which come into force on 1 January 2027.

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SECOND SESSION FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 15
(2026, chapter 8)

An Act to amend the Professional Code and other provisions mainly to streamline the regulatory processes of the professional system and broaden certain professional practices in the field of health and social services

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The first purpose of this Act is to streamline the regulatory processes of the professional system.

To that end, the Act allows the professional orders to adopt certain regulations without the approval of the Office des professions du Québec or of the Government, to the extent that they take into account the guidelines established by the Office in collaboration with the Québec Interprofessional Council. It provides that, from now on, the Office, and no longer the Government, will be entrusted with responsibility for approving certain regulations of the professional orders, including the codes of ethics and the regulations concerning authorization for non-members to engage in professional activities. It allows the professional orders to give themselves, in the latter regulations, the power to establish, by resolution, terms and conditions according to which the activities may be engaged in. Furthermore, the Act transfers to the Office the power to determine, in a regulation subject to government approval, the diplomas that give access to a permit or a specialist's certificate. It also provides that the Office must adopt a regulation applicable to all professional orders as regards accounts conciliation and arbitration and gives the Office the power to adopt, in any matter that may be the subject of a regulation of a professional order and on the recommendation of the Interprofessional Council, a regulation that is binding on one or more professional orders or their members.

The Act provides that the Office alone is responsible for determining the standards of ethics and professional conduct applicable to members of the boards of directors of the professional orders, and adds to its functions those of making inquiries concerning conduct that may contravene those standards and of imposing the appropriate penalties. It also adds certain information to that which the rolls of the professional orders must contain and entrusts the latter with the power to determine by resolution any other information their rolls are to contain.

A further purpose of the Act is to broaden professional practices in the field of health and social services.

To that end, the Act amends the Nurses Act to allow nurses to initiate examinations and tests in the cases determined by regulation, and no longer only as part of activities under the Public Health Act.

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It also allows nurses to prescribe, in the cases and on the conditions determined by regulation, examinations and tests, medications and other substances as well as products and dressings. The Act also provides that certain specialized nurse practitioners may, after completing training and on certain conditions determined by regulation, be authorized to establish diagnoses of mental disorders, excluding intellectual disabilities.

The Act broadens the cases in which midwives may prescribe and administer contraceptives. It also broadens the scope of their intervention in the taking in charge of sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections. In addition, the Act allows midwives, for the purpose of giving the professional care and services referred to in the Midwives Act, to prescribe, conduct or interpret an examination or analysis. They are also now allowed to continue breastfeeding follow-up beyond the six-week period after childbirth and for as long as the breastfeeding continues.

In addition, the Act eliminates certain restrictions relating to the medications optometrists, podiatrists and midwives may prescribe and administer as well as to the care optometrists may provide. The Act updates the field of practice of dietician-nutritionists and allows the latter to engage in professional activities reserved to them without a medical prescription being required. It also allows respiratory therapists to initiate examinations and tests in the cases and according to the terms and conditions prescribed by a regulation of the Ordre des inhalothérapeutes.

The Act puts an end to the activities of the Conseil consultatif interdisciplinaire sur l'exercice de la psychothérapie. It authorizes marriage and family therapists to practise psychotherapy without holding a specific permit for that purpose, just as psychologists and physicians are allowed to do. It confers on the Office the power to authorize the persons it indicates to engage in certain activities, during their training, from among the activities that a holder of a psychotherapist's permit may engage in. It also confers on the Office the power to make regulations governing the issue of a psychotherapist's permit to holders of legal authorizations issued elsewhere in Canada and amends the Professional Code to allow persons having obtained the permit in accordance with those regulations to practise psychotherapy in Québec.

Other amendments are made to the Professional Code and to certain Acts relating to professions. In particular, the Act changes the minimum number of signatures of members of an order that is required to call a special general meeting. It removes from the

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definition of what constitutes the practice of the profession of agrologist the condition that an act must be performed for remuneration. It also makes amendments to the rules respecting the governance of certain orders, in particular by providing for the abolition of the sections of the Ordre des agronomes du Québec and of the Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec. The Act also amends the Professional Chemists Act by adding a field of practice and a list of activities reserved to chemists and by requiring the Ordre professionnel des chimistes du Québec to adopt a regulation concerning the professional activities that may be engaged in by a professional technologist whose competency is in chemistry technology.

Furthermore, the Act provides for certain adaptations to the standards governing the medication supply chain, in particular those concerning relations between pharmacists, drug manufacturers, drug wholesalers, and pharmacy banners and chains. To that end, it amends the Pharmacy Act to grant the Government the power to determine the cases in which and conditions on which a pharmacist may prescribe or substitute for a prescribed medication a medication manufactured by an undertaking in which the pharmacist has an interest, and it enacts a regulation providing for such cases and conditions. It also enacts, for the purposes of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance, a regulation authorizing a drug manufacturer to grant certain benefits to an intermediary, including a pharmacy banner or chain, and it amends the Regulation respecting the conditions governing the accreditation of manufacturers and wholesalers of medications to, in particular, allow the same benefits to be paid by a manufacturer to a wholesaler and to establish certain standards specific to drug manufacturers control of which is held by pharmacists. In addition, it amends the Act respecting prescription drug insurance in order to establish the discretionary nature of the power to grant accreditation to a drug manufacturer or wholesaler under that Act.

Lastly, the Act contains consequential provisions as well as various transitional and final measures.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

– Agrologists Act (chapter A-12);

– Act respecting legal aid and the provision of certain other legal services (chapter A-14);

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– Land Surveyors Act (chapter A-23);

– Act respecting prescription drug insurance (chapter A-29.01);

– Act respecting the Barreau du Québec (chapter B-1);

– Charter of the French language (chapter C-11);

– Professional Chemists Act (chapter C-15);

– Professional Code (chapter C-26);

– Denturologists Act (chapter D-4);

– Nurses Act (chapter I-8);

– Notaries Act (chapter N-3);

– Optometry Act (chapter O-7);

– Pharmacy Act (chapter P-10);

– Podiatry Act (chapter P-12);

– Midwives Act (chapter S-0.1);

– Act respecting medical imaging technologists, radiation oncology technologists and medical electrophysiology technologists (chapter T-5).

REGULATIONS ENACTED BY THIS ACT:

– Regulation respecting the prescription, and the substitution for a prescribed medication, of a medication manufactured by an undertaking in which the pharmacist has an interest (2026, chapter 8, section 74);

– Regulation respecting benefits authorized for intermediaries (2026, chapter 8, section 75);

– Regulation respecting the prescription and administration of medications by a midwife (2026, chapter 8, section 76).

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REGULATIONS AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

– Regulation respecting the conditions governing the accreditation of manufacturers and wholesalers of medications (chapter A-29.01, r. 2);

– Regulation respecting the psychotherapist's permit (chapter C-26, r. 222.1);

– Letters patent constituting the Ordre professionnel des sexologues du Québec (chapter C-26, r. 222.2);

– Regulation respecting the professional activities which may be performed by persons other than nurses (chapter I-8, r. 2);

– Regulation respecting certain professional activities relating to vaccination and screening which may be performed by persons other than nurses (chapter I-8, r. 4.1);

– Regulation respecting specialized nurse practitioners (chapter I-8, r. 15.1.1.1);

– Regulation respecting certain professional activities that may be engaged in by respiratory therapists (chapter M-9, r. 6);

– Règlement sur les régimes complémentaires d'avantages sociaux dans l'industrie de la construction (chapter R-20, r. 10, French only);

– Code of ethics of midwives (chapter S-0.1, r. 5);

– Règlement sur les dossiers et le cabinet de consultation d'une sage-femme (chapter S-0.1, r. 9, French only);

– Regulation respecting the examinations and analyses that a midwife may prescribe, conduct or interpret in the practice of midwifery (chapter S-0.1, r. 11);

– Règlement sur les normes relatives à la forme et au contenu des ordonnances verbales ou écrites faites par une sage-femme (chapter S-0.1, r. 15, French only);

– Regulation respecting health services, adapted equipment and other costs enacted by Order in Council 1357-2025 (2025, G.O. 2, 3809).

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REGULATION REPEALED BY THIS ACT:

– Regulation respecting certain professional activities that may be engaged in by a nurse (chapter M-9, r. 12.001).

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL CODE AND OTHER PROVISIONS MAINLY TO STREAMLINE THE REGULATORY PROCESSES OF THE PROFESSIONAL SYSTEM AND BROADEN CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

PROFESSIONAL CODE

1. Section 12 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26) is amended

(1) in the fourth paragraph,

(*a*) by striking out subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 6;

(*b*) by striking out subparagraph 7;

(2) by replacing "subparagraphs *a* and" in the last paragraph by "subparagraph".

2. Section 12.0.1 of the Code is amended

(1) in the second paragraph,

(*a*) by striking out subparagraph 4;

(*b*) by replacing subparagraph 5 by the following subparagraph:

"(5) establish the examination and inquiry procedure that the Office must apply concerning conduct that may contravene the standards of ethics and professional conduct and prescribe the appropriate penalties it may impose; and";

(2) by replacing the third paragraph by the following paragraph:

"Sections 14.1 to 14.3 apply to an inquiry carried out by the Office in accordance with that regulation."

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3. The Code is amended by inserting the following sections after section 12.0.1:

"**12.0.1.1.** The Office may, by regulation, determine the diplomas issued by the educational institutions it indicates which give access to a permit or specialist's certificate.

The Office may also, by regulation, fix the terms and conditions of cooperation between an order and the authorities of the educational institutions referred to in a regulation made under the first paragraph, in particular in the development and review of the programs of study leading to a diploma giving access to a permit or specialist's certificate, the standards that the board of directors is required to establish by a regulation made under paragraph *c* of section 93 and, where applicable, the other terms and conditions that the board of directors may determine by a regulation made under subparagraph *i* of the first paragraph of section 94, as well as the standards of equivalence of such terms and conditions that the board of directors may determine under that regulation.

The regulation referred to in the second paragraph may prescribe the terms of cooperation, between the order and the educational institutions, applicable to a program of study leading to a diploma that leads to a training certificate issued pursuant to a regulation made under subparagraph *o*.1 of the first paragraph of section 94 or under an Act constituting a professional order.

The Office must, before making a regulation referred to in this section, consult

(1) the educational institutions and the order concerned;

(2) the Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire in the case of a university-level diploma;

(3) the Fédération des cégeps in the case of a college-level diploma; and

(4) the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports or the Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology.

"**12.0.1.2.** The Office must establish, by regulation and after consultation with the orders, an accounts conciliation and arbitration procedure that may be used by persons who pay or must pay fees.

The regulation must include

(1) provisions allowing a person to use the procedure if the account has already been paid in whole or in part;

(2) provisions for the setting up, within each order, of a council of arbitration with the power to determine the amount of any reimbursement to which a person may be entitled; and

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(3) provisions for the arbitration of accounts by a council of arbitration composed of one or three arbitrators, according to the amount of the dispute as prescribed in the regulation.

The regulation may specify the fees payable to the order on applying for arbitration. In such a case, the arbitration council must rule on the reimbursement of such fees.

The regulation may also contain provisions which, when all or part of the account in dispute is maintained or when a reimbursement is granted, enable the council of arbitration to add interest and an indemnity, computed in accordance with articles 1618 and 1619 of the Civil Code, from the date of the application for conciliation.

The arbitration council may, in particular, consider the quality of the services rendered in relation to the fees charged.

A member may not institute proceedings in respect of an account until the time allowed to apply for conciliation has expired. However, the member may institute proceedings before that time has expired, with the authorization of the person designated by the board of directors, where there is a risk that recovery of the fees will be imperilled unless proceedings are instituted.

"**12.0.1.3.** On the recommendation of the Interprofessional Council, the Office may, in any matter that may be the subject of a regulation of an order under this Code or under an Act constituting a professional order, adopt a regulation that is binding on, as the case may be, one or more professional orders or their members.

The Office may, in such a regulation, prescribe the repeal of any regulation of an order referred to in the first paragraph or of any provision of such a regulation.

The Office must, before making a regulation relating to a matter referred to in paragraph *c*.2 of section 93, subparagraph *h* of the first paragraph of section 94 or the second paragraph of section 95.0.1, conduct the consultations provided for in those provisions."

4. Section 36 of the Code is amended, in subparagraph *d* of the first paragraph,

(1) by replacing ""M.T."" by ""C.F.T.", "M.T.", "C.T."";

(2) by replacing "Marriage Therapist"," by ""Couple and Family Therapist", "Marriage Therapist", "Couple Therapist",".

5. Section 37 of the Code is amended by replacing "a response strategy designed to tailor diet to needs in order to maintain or restore health" in paragraph *c* by "a treatment and intervention plan designed to tailor diet to needs in order to maintain, improve or restore the health of a person in interaction with his environment or provide appropriate symptom relief".

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6. Section 37.1 of the Code is amended

(1) by replacing "where an individual prescription indicates that nutrition is a determining factor in" in subparagraph *a* of paragraph 1 by "with a view to contributing to";

(2) by striking out ", provided a training certificate has been issued to the member by the Order pursuant to a regulation under paragraph *o* of section 94" in subparagraph *i* of paragraph 5;

(3) by adding the following subparagraph after subparagraph *h* of paragraph 7:

"(*i*) initiate examinations and tests in the cases and according to the terms and conditions prescribed by a regulation adopted by the board of directors of the Order, after consultation with the professional orders concerned;";

(4) by replacing all occurrences of "paragraph *o*" and "subparagraph *o*" by "subparagraph *o*.1 of the first paragraph" and "subparagraph *o*.1", respectively.

7. Section 42 of the Code is amended by replacing "of the Government" and "184" in paragraph 1 by "of the Office" and "12.0.1.1", respectively.

8. Section 46.1 of the Code is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) by inserting "and keep it up to date by entering all modifications as and when the secretary is informed of them" after "roll of the order" in the introductory clause;

(*b*) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph 5:

"(5.1) the person's membership number;";

(*c*) by inserting the following subparagraphs after subparagraph 6:

"(6.1) the sector of practice in which the person principally practices his profession;

"(6.2) the professional activities the person's special permit issued under the second and third paragraphs of section 42.2 allows the person to engage in as well as the conditions the person must meet to engage in those activities and, if applicable, the title, abbreviation and initials the person may use;

"(6.3) a note to the effect that the person's permit has been revoked in the past;";

(*d*) by replacing "by regulation of the Office" in subparagraph 9 by "by resolution of the board of directors";

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

"The roll of the professional orders mentioned in the first paragraph of section 187.1 shall contain, with respect to each of their members who hold a psychotherapist's permit, the following information:

(1) the date of issue of the permit;

(2) a note to the effect that the permit is suspended or has been suspended or revoked in the past; or

(3) a note to the effect that the right of the holder of the permit to practise psychotherapy is restricted or suspended, or has been restricted or suspended in the past.

For the purposes of this section, "sector of practice" means a sector of activity or the area of practice, or a combination of the two."

9. Section 58.1 of the Code is amended by replacing "government regulation" and "184" in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by "regulation of the Office" and "12.0.1.1", respectively.

10. Section 62.0.1 of the Code is amended, in paragraph 8,

(1) by striking out "concerned in Québec";

(2) by replacing "184" by "12.0.1.1".

11. Section 62.0.1.1 of the Code is amended

(1) by replacing "after consultation with the" in the second paragraph by "in collaboration with the";

(2) by replacing "draw on those guidelines" in the third paragraph by "take those guidelines into account".

12. Section 67 of the Code is amended by replacing "draw on the guidelines set by the Office" in the third paragraph by "take the guidelines set by the Office into account".

13. Section 79.1 of the Code is amended

(1) by striking out "and to those in the code of ethics and professional conduct established by the board of directors under subparagraph 4 of the second paragraph of that section" in the first paragraph;

(2) by replacing "the code, including on its website, and publish it in its annual report" in the second paragraph by "those standards, in particular on its website";

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(3) by striking out the third paragraph.

14. Section 85.1 of the Code is amended by replacing "a regulation of the Government under section 184" in the fourth paragraph by "section 12.0.1.1".

15. Section 86.0.2 of the Code is amended

(1) by replacing "approved under section 95.2 or to experiment or innovate in those matters, except a regulation made under paragraph *d* of section 93 or subparagraph *p* of the first paragraph of section 94 with respect to professional liability insurance" in the first paragraph by "to which section 95.1 applies or to experiment or innovate in those matters";

(2) by replacing "approved in accordance with section 95.2" in the third paragraph by "to which section 95.1 applies".

16. Section 86.2 of the Code is amended by striking out ", and publish them in its annual report" in the third paragraph.

17. Section 88 of the Code is repealed.

18. Section 94 of the Code is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) in subparagraph *h*,

i. by inserting "it may also authorize the board of directors to establish, by resolution, terms and conditions according to which the activities described in the regulation or resolution may be engaged in;" after "members of an order;";

ii. by inserting "or resolution" after "a regulation";

(*b*) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph *o*:

"(*o*.1) determine the training activities giving access to a training certificate issued by an order and required by this Code, an Act constituting an order or a regulation made under that Act for the purpose of exercising a reserved activity, as well as the content of those training activities and the conditions giving access to such a certificate; the regulation must include penalties for a failure to comply with it and, if applicable, possible exemptions from it;";

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

"A resolution made under subparagraph *h* of the first paragraph shall be transmitted to the Office and published on the order's website."

19. Section 95 of the Code is amended by replacing "95.0.1 and 95.2" by "95.0.1 to 95.2".

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20. The Code is amended by inserting the following section after section 95.0.1:

"**95.1.** A regulation adopted by the board of directors under section 63.1, 65 or 90, paragraph *a*, *b*, *e* or *f* of section 93 or subparagraph *a*, *j* or *o* of the first paragraph of section 94 must take into account the guidelines established by the Office in collaboration with the Interprofessional Council. It shall be transmitted to the Office and published on the order's website.

The regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day after its publication or on any later date indicated in the regulation.

Every regulation adopted in accordance with the first paragraph is considered public law and does not need to be specially pleaded."

21. Section 95.2 of the Code is amended by replacing "section 65, 86.3, 88, 89, 90 or 91, paragraph *a*, *b*, *c*.2, *d*, *e* or *f* of section 93 or subparagraph *a*, *j*, *n*, *o* or *p* of the first paragraph of section 94" in the first paragraph by "any of sections 86.3, 87 to 89.1 or 91, paragraph *c*.2 or *d* of section 93 or subparagraph *h*, *m*, *n, o*.1 or *p* of the first paragraph of section 94".

22. Section 106 of the Code is amended by inserting "or of 10% of the members of the order, whichever is higher" after "such a meeting".

23. Section 123.7 of the Code is amended by replacing "withdrawn" by "closed".

24. Section 184 of the Code is repealed.

25. Section 187.1 of the Code is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "and psychologists, no person shall practise psychotherapy" by ", psychologists and marriage and family therapists, no person shall practise psychotherapy, claim to have the right to do so or act in such a way as to lead to the belief that the person is authorized to do so,";

(*b*) by replacing "holds a pyschotherapist's permit and is a member of the Ordre professionnel des conseillers et conseillères d'orientation du Québec, the Ordre professionnel des criminologues du Québec, the Ordre professionnel des ergothérapeutes du Québec, the Ordre professionnel des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec, the Ordre professionnel des psychoéducateurs et psychoéducatrices du Québec, the Ordre professionnel des sexologues du Québec or the Ordre professionnel des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec" by "is a member of the Ordre professionnel des conseillers et conseillères d'orientation du Québec, the Ordre professionnel des criminologues du Québec, the Ordre professionnel des ergothérapeutes du Québec, the Ordre professionnel des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec, the

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Ordre professionnel des psychoéducateurs et psychoéducatrices du Québec or the Ordre professionnel des sexologues du Québec or is a social worker and unless he holds a psychotherapist's permit";

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

"Despite the first paragraph, a person may practise psychotherapy and use the title of "Psychotherapist" or any other title or abbreviation which may lead to the belief that he is a psychotherapist if he holds a psychotherapist's permit issued in accordance with a regulation made under section 187.3.1.1."

26. Section 187.2 of the Code is amended by inserting ", marriage and family therapist" after "psychologist" in the introductory clause.

27. Section 187.3.1 of the Code is amended

(1) by inserting ", marriage and family therapist" after "psychologist" in paragraph 1;

(2) in paragraph 3,

(*a*) by replacing "or psychologist" by ", psychologist or marriage and family therapist";

(*b*) by replacing "and the Ordre professionnel des psychologues du Québec" by ", the Ordre professionnel des psychologues du Québec and the Ordre professionnel des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec".

28. The Code is amended by inserting the following sections after section 187.3.1:

"**187.3.1.1.** The Office may, by regulation, determine which legal authorizations to practise psychotherapy issued in another province or a territory of Canada give access to a psychotherapist's permit as well as the standards for the issue of that permit to the holders of the legal authorizations.

The regulation provided for in the first paragraph must determine the provisions of this Code and of the regulations made under it by the board of directors of the Ordre professionnel des psychologues du Québec that apply to such a holder of a psychotherapist's permit.

"**187.3.1.2.** Section 187.3.1.1 applies subject to sections 35, 37 and 38 of the Charter of the French language (chapter C-11)."

29. The Code is amended by inserting the following section after section 187.3.2:

"**187.3.3.** The Office may, by regulation, determine, from among the activities the holder of a psychotherapist's permit may engage in, those that

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may be engaged in by the persons and categories of persons indicated in the regulation, in particular those that are required in order to complete a period of training determined pursuant to paragraph 2 of section 187.3.1, as well as the terms and conditions according to which they may engage in those activities; the regulation may determine, from among the regulatory standards applicable to holders of a psychotherapist's permit, those that are applicable to persons who are not holders of a psychotherapist's permit."

30. Section 187.4.3 of the Code is replaced by the following section:

"**187.4.3.** Any penal proceedings for the unlawful practice of psychotherapy are instituted by the Ordre professionnel des psychologues du Québec. Where the activity is engaged in with a couple or a family, such penal proceedings may also be instituted by the Ordre des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec.

Any penal proceedings for the unauthorized use of the title of "Psychotherapist" are instituted by the Ordre professionnel des psychologues du Québec.

Penal proceedings are instituted on a resolution of the order's board of directors or executive committee."

31. Sections 187.5 to 187.5.6 of the Code are repealed.

32. Section 192 of the Code is amended by inserting "litigation privilege or" after "invoke" in the second paragraph.

33. Section 197 of the Code is amended by striking out "162 to 177.1," in the second paragraph.

AGROLOGISTS ACT

34. Sections 4 to 8 of the Agrologists Act (chapter A-12) are replaced by the following sections:

"**4.** The Order shall be governed by a board of directors constituted as prescribed in the Professional Code (chapter C-26).

"**5.** A vice-president shall be elected by the directors, by secret ballot, from among the elected directors."

35. Section 9 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"The vice-president shall also assume the other responsibilities assigned by the board but may not act as an officer."

36. Sections 10 and 10.1 and Divisions III.1 and IV of the Act, comprising sections 10.2 to 23, are repealed.

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37. Section 24 of the Act is amended by striking out "performed for remuneration,".

ACT RESPECTING LEGAL AID AND THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN OTHER LEGAL SERVICES

38. Section 92 of the Act respecting legal aid and the provision of certain other legal services (chapter A-14) is amended by replacing "section 88" by "the regulation made under section 12.0.1.2".

LAND SURVEYORS ACT

39. Section 16 of the Land Surveyors Act (chapter A-23) is repealed.

ACT RESPECTING PRESCRIPTION DRUG INSURANCE

40. Section 62 of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance (chapter A-29.01) is replaced by the following section:

"**62.** The Minister may, if he considers it advisable, grant accreditation, for the purposes of the list of medications, to a manufacturer or wholesaler that meets the conditions the Minister determines by regulation.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, the Minister shall take into consideration, among other things, the interest of eligible persons and the effect of the decision on the prescription drug market in Québec."

ACT RESPECTING THE BARREAU DU QUÉBEC

41. Section 16 of the Act respecting the Barreau du Québec (chapter B-1) is amended by replacing ", 95.0.1 and" in the first paragraph by "to".

42. Section 56 of the Act is amended, in subsection 1,

(1) by replacing "the Government pursuant to section 184" in the introductory clause by "the Office des professions du Québec pursuant to section 12.0.1.1";

(2) by replacing "184" in subparagraph *a* by "12.0.1.1".

CHARTER OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE

43. Section 37 of the Charter of the French language (chapter C-11) is amended by inserting "and 187.3.1.1" after "42.2" in the introductory clause of the first paragraph.

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44. The Charter is amended by inserting the following section after section 40.2:

"**40.2.1.** For the purposes of sections 30, 30.1, 32 and 35 to 40.2 and with the necessary modifications, a permit includes a psychotherapist's permit referred to in the second paragraph of section 187.1 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26) and a member of a professional order includes a holder of such a permit."

PROFESSIONAL CHEMISTS ACT

45. The title of the Professional Chemists Act (chapter C-15) is amended by striking out "Professional".

46. Section 1 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing paragraphs *a* and *b* by the following paragraph:

"(*a*) "chemist" or "member of the Order" means any person who holds a permit issued by the Order and is entered on the roll of the Order;";

(2) by striking out the paragraph letters and placing the paragraphs in alphabetical order.

47. Sections 5 and 6 of the Act are repealed.

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

"**7.** The board of directors shall make a regulation under subparagraph *h* of the first paragraph of section 94 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26) to determine, from among the professional activities reserved to chemists, those that may be engaged in by professional technologists whose competency is in chemistry technology."

49. Sections 10 and 11 of the Act are repealed.

50. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 11:

"**12.** The practice of chemistry consists in engaging in scientific analysis, design, determination, execution, control or certification activities with regard to the composition, properties and transformation of a molecular entity to ensure the integrity, safety, usefulness and reliability of such an entity.

The practice of chemistry also includes engaging in activities referred to in the first paragraph with regard to the processes acting on a molecular entity.

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Respect for the environment and for life, the protection of property, human safety, heritage preservation and economic efficiency are included in the field of practice of chemists to the extent that they are related to their professional activities.

The practice of chemistry does not include industrial scale-up of the processes referred to in the second paragraph.

In this Act, "molecular entity" means a constitutionally or isotopically distinct atom, molecule, ion, ion pair, radical, diradical, radical ion, complex or conformer that is identifiable as a separately distinguishable entity.

"**13.** The following activities in the practice of chemistry are reserved to chemists:

(1) analyzing, designing and executing an instruction relating to a molecular entity;

(2) analyzing, designing and executing a process;

(3) executing, in a laboratory, the stages of the pre-analytical, analytical and post-analytical phases;

(4) controlling and certifying the quality of the composition, transformation and properties of a molecular entity, and that of the processes necessary to execute such an entity;

(5) determining the parameters to comply with as regards the transportation, storage or use of a molecular entity in order to ensure its quality or integrity, and as regards the disposal of such an entity; and

(6) as part of an activity provided for in paragraphs 1 to 5, giving opinions and preparing, signing and sealing written opinions or reports."

51. Section 16 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting "Subject to the rights and privileges expressly granted by law to other professionals," at the beginning of subsection 1;

(2) by striking out all occurrences of "professional".

52. Section 16.1 of the Act is repealed.

53. Section 17 of the Act is amended by striking out the second paragraph.

54. Section 18 of the Act is amended by striking out all occurrences of "professional" in paragraph *a*.

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DENTUROLOGISTS ACT

55. Section 6 of the Denturologists Act (chapter D-4) is amended by replacing both occurrences of "subparagraph *o*" by "subparagraph *o*.1".

NURSES ACT

56. Section 1 of the Nurses Act (chapter I-8) is amended

(1) by striking out paragraph *h*;

(2) by striking out the paragraph letters and placing the paragraphs in alphabetical order.

57. Section 11 of the Act is amended by striking out subparagraphs *f* and *g* of the first paragraph.

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

(1) by striking out subparagraphs *c* to *e*;

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

"(*h*) determine the cases in which the activities referred to in subparagraph 4 of the second paragraph of section 36 may be engaged in; and

"(*i*) determine the cases and conditions for engaging in the activities referred to in subparagraphs 18 and 19 of the second paragraph of section 36, the content of the training required to engage in those activities and the standards relating to the form and content of verbal or written prescriptions made by nurses."

59. Section 15 of the Act is repealed.

60. Sections 16 and 17 of the Act are repealed.

61. Division VI of the Act, comprising sections 21 to 32, is repealed.

62. Section 36 of the Act is amended, in the second paragraph,

(1) by replacing subparagraph 4 by the following subparagraph:

"(4) initiating examinations and tests in the cases determined by a regulation made under paragraph *h* of section 14;";

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

"(18) prescribing medications, other substances, products and dressings in the cases and on the conditions determined by a regulation made under paragraph *i* of section 14; and

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"(19) prescribing examinations and tests in the cases and on the conditions determined by a regulation made under paragraph *i* of section 14."

NOTARIES ACT

63. Section 5 of the Notaries Act (chapter N-3) is amended by replacing "95.2" by "95.1".

64. Section 6 of the Act is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

"Section 95.2 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26) applies to a regulation made under subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph. Section 95.1 of the Code applies to a regulation made under subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph."

OPTOMETRY ACT

65. Sections 19.1 to 19.4 of the Optometry Act (chapter O-7) are replaced by the following section:

"**19.1.** Notwithstanding section 16, an optometrist may administer and prescribe medication and provide care for the purpose of examining the eyes and treating a condition of the eye and adnexa, in either of the following cases:

(1) in a context of primary care; or

(2) for the carrying out of a treatment plan determined by an ophthalmologist physician where the follow-up of a patient is ensured by that physician."

PHARMACY ACT

66. Section 10 of the Pharmacy Act (chapter P-10) is amended by replacing "subparagraph *o*" in subparagraph iii of subparagraph *h* of the first paragraph by "subparagraph *o*.1".

67. Section 17 of the Act is amended by replacing "paragraph *o*" in the fourth paragraph by "subparagraph *o*.1 of the first paragraph".

68. Section 24 of the Act is amended by inserting ", except in the cases, on the conditions and according to the terms determined by government regulation" at the end.

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PODIATRY ACT

69. Sections 11 and 12 of the Podiatry Act (chapter P-12) are replaced by the following section:

"**11.** Every podiatrist is authorized to use the medications which he may need in the practice of his profession, and to administer and prescribe medications to his patients.

He may also issue attestations relating to the supplying of medications.

Despite the first paragraph, a podiatrist who obtained a permit to practise before 1 May 2020 must, to administer or prescribe medications, have completed the training of at least 12 hours recognized by the Ordre des podiatres du Québec on good practices in the administration and prescription of medications."

MIDWIVES ACT

70. Section 6 of the Midwives Act (chapter S-0.1) is amended

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

"The practice of midwifery continues beyond the period referred to in the first paragraph for the purposes of breastfeeding follow-up, for as long as the breastfeeding continues. The professional care and services then consist in assessing the state of health of the woman and her child with respect to breastfeeding.";

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

"A midwife may also, irrespective of pregnancy, labour, delivery or postnatal period,

(1) for any woman, initiate examinations and tests and prescribe and administer medications, at the primary level of care, for the treatment of sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections;

(2) for any person,

(*a*) prescribe and administer a contraceptive;

(*b*) initiate measures for screening sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections as part of an operation under the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2); and

(*c*) prescribe and administer a medication for the treatment of sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections in cases, other than those referred to in subparagraph 1, determined by a regulation made by the board of directors of the Order, after consultation with the professional orders concerned."

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71. Section 8 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

"**8.** Every midwife is authorized to use the medications that she may need for the practice of midwifery, as well as to administer and prescribe medications to any person to whom she provides care and professional services."

72. Section 9 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

"**9.** For the purpose of providing the professional care and services referred to in section 6, a midwife may, in the practice of midwifery, prescribe, conduct or interpret any examination or analysis."

ACT RESPECTING MEDICAL IMAGING TECHNOLOGISTS, RADIATION ONCOLOGY TECHNOLOGISTS AND MEDICAL ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY TECHNOLOGISTS

73. Section 11.1 of the Act respecting medical imaging technologists, radiation oncology technologists and medical electrophysiology technologists (chapter T-5) is amended by replacing all occurrences of "paragraph *o*" in the second paragraph by "subparagraph *o*.1 of the first paragraph".

REGULATION RESPECTING THE PRESCRIPTION, AND THE SUBSTITUTION FOR A PRESCRIBED MEDICATION, OF A MEDICATION MANUFACTURED BY AN UNDERTAKING IN WHICH THE PHARMACIST HAS AN INTEREST

74. The Regulation respecting the prescription, and the substitution for a prescribed medication, of a medication manufactured by an undertaking in which the pharmacist has an interest, appearing below, is enacted.

"REGULATION RESPECTING THE PRESCRIPTION, AND THE SUBSTITUTION FOR A PRESCRIBED MEDICATION, OF A MEDICATION MANUFACTURED BY AN UNDERTAKING IN WHICH THE PHARMACIST HAS AN INTEREST

"**1.** A pharmacist may prescribe or substitute for a prescribed medication a medication manufactured by an undertaking in which the pharmacist has an interest due to the undertaking being operated by a corporation in which the pharmacist holds shares or by a corporation controlled by a corporation in which the pharmacist holds shares where the following conditions are met:

(1) the medication prescribed or used as a substitute by the pharmacist is a generic or biosimilar medication;

(2) the pharmacist is not a holder of a significant interest in that corporation within the meaning of sections 7 to 9 of the Trust Companies and Savings Companies Act (chapter S-29.02);

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(3) the pharmacist does not receive from or grant to the corporation that operates the medication manufacturing undertaking any benefit in contravention of the provisions of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance (chapter A-29.01); and

(4) the pharmacist has no other interest in the undertaking that manufactures the medication.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, a corporation is controlled by another corporation where the latter is the holder of control of the former under sections 6 to 8 and 10 of the Trust Companies and Savings Companies Act."

REGULATION RESPECTING BENEFITS AUTHORIZED FOR INTERMEDIARIES

75. The Regulation respecting benefits authorized for intermediaries, appearing below, is enacted.

"REGULATION RESPECTING BENEFITS AUTHORIZED FOR INTERMEDIARIES

"**1.** An intermediary within the meaning of section 80.1 of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance (chapter A-29.01) may receive from an accredited manufacturer the declared dividend that the shares issued by the manufacturer and held by the intermediary entitle it to."

REGULATION RESPECTING THE PRESCRIPTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS BY A MIDWIFE

76. The Regulation respecting the prescription and administration of medications by a midwife, appearing below, is enacted.

"REGULATION RESPECTING THE PRESCRIPTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS BY A MIDWIFE

"**1.** A midwife may, at the primary level of care, prescribe and administer a medication for the treatment of sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections to an asymptomatic person having received a positive test result from screening.

"**2.** Under the national public health program made under the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2), a midwife may

(1) prescribe a medication for the treatment of a gonococcal infection or a *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection to an asymptomatic person having received a positive test result from screening and prescribe control tests, according to the national protocol developed as part of an activity under the program; and

(2) prescribe a medication for the treatment of a gonococcal infection or a *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection to an asymptomatic person identified as a

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sexual partner of a person presenting either of those infections and prescribe control tests, according to the national protocol developed as part of an activity under the program."

REGULATION RESPECTING THE CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE ACCREDITATION OF MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALERS OF MEDICATIONS

77. The Regulation respecting the conditions governing the accreditation of manufacturers and wholesalers of medications (chapter A-29.01, r. 2) is amended by inserting the following section after section 1:

"**1.1.** In order to be recognized by the Minister, a drug manufacturer of which one or more pharmacists are holders of control must, in addition, meet the following conditions:

(1) the pharmacists are holders of control of the manufacturer through a corporation that operates an accredited wholesaler; and

(2) at least 100 pharmacists hold shares in the corporation, directly or through corporations control of which is held by pharmacists.

For the purposes of the first paragraph, "holder of control" has the meaning assigned to it by sections 6 and 8 to 10 of the Trust Companies and Savings Companies Act (chapter S-29.02). In addition, except for the purposes of subparagraph 2 of that paragraph, all pharmacists having an interest in a corporation are deemed to participate in the concerted and ongoing exercise of their rights within the corporation or of their powers over the corporation within the meaning of section 8 of the Trust Companies and Savings Companies Act."

78. Schedule I to the Regulation is amended

(1) by adding the following paragraph at the end of section 2:

"The first paragraph does not prevent the manufacturer from paying to a wholesaler or to an intermediary within the meaning of section 80.1 of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance (chapter A-29.01) the declared dividend that the shares issued by the manufacturer and held by the intermediary or wholesaler entitle it to.";

(2) by inserting the following section after section 2:

"**2.0.1.** The manufacturer undertakes, in each of the calendar years during which one or more pharmacists holds control of it for more than 182 days within the meaning of sections 6 and 8 to 10 of the Trust Companies and Savings Companies Act (chapter S-29.02), to limit the monetary value of its sales of generic drugs entered on the List of medications to an owner pharmacist of Québec, for each establishment the latter owns, to 3% or less of the monetary value of its sales of such drugs to all owner pharmacists of Québec.

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For the purposes of the first paragraph, all pharmacists holding an interest in a manufacturer are deemed to participate in the concerted and ongoing exercise of their rights within the manufacturer or of their powers over the manufacturer within the meaning of section 8 of that Act. In addition, the sales of a manufacturer include those made directly to owner pharmacists or indirectly through wholesalers, a commercial name or a chain of pharmacies under the basic prescription drug insurance plan.";

(3) by inserting the following paragraph after the first paragraph of section 2.2:

"The manufacturer undertakes to indicate in that report the periods of the calendar year during which it was controlled by pharmacists within the meaning of section 2.0.1."

REGULATION RESPECTING THE PSYCHOTHERAPIST'S PERMIT

79. Section 1 of the Regulation respecting the psychotherapist's permit (chapter C-26, r. 222.1) is amended

(1) in the introductory clause,

(*a*) by inserting ", the Ordre professionnel des criminologues du Québec" after "d'orientation du Québec";

(*b*) by replacing "the Ordre professionnel des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec" by "the Ordre professionnel des sexologues du Québec or to a social worker";

(2) by replacing "a member of a professional order whose members may practise psychotherapy" in subparagraph i of the second paragraph of paragraph 2 by "a physician, psychologist or marriage and family therapist";

(3) by replacing "or psychologist" in subparagraph i of the second paragraph of paragraph 3 by ", psychologist or marriage and family therapist".

80. Section 2 of the Regulation is amended by replacing "or psychologists" in the first paragraph by ", psychologists or marriage and family therapists".

81. Section 3 of the Regulation is amended

(1) by replacing "or psychologists" in the first paragraph by ", psychologists or marriage and family therapists";

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

"Marriage and family therapists must choose continuing education activities from among the continuing education activities in psychotherapy adopted by

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the Ordre professionnel des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec."

82. Section 4 of the Regulation is amended by inserting ", marriage and family therapists" after "psychologists".

83. Section 5 of the Regulation is amended by inserting the following paragraph after the second paragraph:

"The Ordre professionnel des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec restricts the right to practise psychotherapy of a marriage and family therapist who has not fulfilled his or her obligation regarding continuing education until the marriage and family therapist provides the Order with proof that the obligation has been fulfilled."

LETTERS PATENT CONSTITUTING THE ORDRE PROFESSIONNEL DES SEXOLOGUES DU QUÉBEC

84. Section 2 of the Letters patent constituting the Ordre professionnel des sexologues du Québec (chapter C-26, r. 222.2) is amended by replacing "paragraph *o*" in subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph by "subparagraph *o*.1 of the first paragraph".

REGULATION RESPECTING THE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY BE PERFORMED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NURSES

85. Section 10 of the Regulation respecting the professional activities which may be performed by persons other than nurses (chapter I-8, r. 2) is amended by replacing subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph by the following subparagraph:

"(5) initiating examinations and tests in the cases determined by a regulation made under subparagraph *h* of the first paragraph of section 14 of the Nurses Act (chapter I-8);".

REGULATION RESPECTING CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES RELATING TO VACCINATION AND SCREENING WHICH MAY BE PERFORMED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NURSES

86. Section 5 of the Regulation respecting certain professional activities relating to vaccination and screening which may be performed by persons other than nurses (chapter I-8, r. 4.1) is amended by replacing "of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2)" by "of a regulation made under paragraph *h* of section 14 of the Nurses Act (chapter I-8)".

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REGULATION RESPECTING SPECIALIZED NURSE PRACTITIONERS

87. Section 22 of the Regulation respecting specialized nurse practitioners (chapter I-8, r. 15.1.1.1) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"More specifically, mental disorders, except intellectual disabilities, that present recognized diagnostic criteria and clinical manifestations may be diagnosed by a nurse practitioner specialized in mental health. They may also be diagnosed by a specialized nurse practitioner authorized to do so under section 22.1."

88. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after the heading of subdivision 2 of Division V:

"1. — *Terms for performing an activity referred to in paragraph 1 of section 36.1 of the Nurses Act*

"**22.1.** A nurse practitioner specialized in adult care, pediatric care or primary care who meets one of the following conditions may be authorized to diagnose, under paragraph 1 of section 36.1 of the Nurses Act (chapter I-8), mental disorders, except intellectual disabilities:

(1) she provides the Order with proof that she has successfully completed training recognized by the Order that includes the content elements set out in Schedule I;

(2) she has obtained from the Order, in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision, an exemption from taking the training referred to in subparagraph 1; or

(3) she holds the diplomas giving access to a specialist's certificate as a specialized nurse practitioner under the Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated educational institutions which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders (chapter C-26, r. 2) obtained upon completion of a program of study that includes the content elements provided for in Schedule I.

To be authorized to perform that activity, the specialized nurse practitioner referred to in subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the first paragraph must apply for it to the Order in writing. She must also pay the fees charged by the Order for the processing of her application.

"**22.2.** To be exempted from taking the training referred to in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 22.1, a specialized nurse practitioner must demonstrate that she has a level of knowledge and skills equivalent to the level attained by a specialized nurse practitioner who has successfully completed that training.

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The following factors are considered in the assessment of the application:

(1) the type and duration of her clinical experience, the period of time during which that experience was acquired, and the clientele with which it was acquired;

(2) the type and content of the courses taken; and

(3) the type, duration and content of the training periods served and of the other professional development activities completed.

"**22.3.** A specialized nurse practitioner who wishes to obtain an exemption from taking the training referred to in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 22.1 must apply for it to the Order in writing and provide documents in support of the application.

The supporting documents referred to in the first paragraph are sent to a committee formed by the board of directors under paragraph 2 of section 86.0.1 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26) to examine exemption applications.

"**22.4.** The committee referred to in the second paragraph of section 22.3 informs the specialized nurse practitioner of its decision by sending her, not later than 30 days of the decision, a notice that specifies, as applicable, whether the exemption is granted, in full or in part, or refused.

In the case of a partial exemption, the committee indicates to her the additional training to be completed to obtain a full exemption.

"**22.5.** A specialized nurse practitioner who is informed of the committee's decision to refuse, in full or in part, her exemption application may apply to the Order in writing for a review of the decision within 30 days of receiving the notice provided for in section 22.4. She must indicate, in her application, the reasons warranting it.

The review is carried out by a committee formed by the board of directors under paragraph 2 of section 86.0.1 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26), composed of persons other than the members of the committee referred to in the second paragraph of section 22.3.

The committee's decision is final and must be sent to the specialized nurse practitioner in writing within 30 days of the date on which it is rendered.

"2. — *Clientele with which a specialized nurse practitioner performs activities*".

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89. The Regulation is amended by adding the following schedule at the end:

"SCHEDULE I
(*Section 22.1*)

TRAINING ACTIVITY FOR DIAGNOSING MENTAL DISORDERS

Training description

Training on diagnosing mental disorders, except intellectual disabilities, the content of which is adapted to the practice of the specialized nurse practitioner and to her class of specialization, and that includes professional development activities to acquire and apply theoretical and practical knowledge.

Training content

The training lasts at least 65 hours and includes the following content elements:

(1) 20 hours of theoretical professional development activities on legal, ethical and professional considerations specific to the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders, on the particularities of the diagnostic reasoning process in the context of mental disorders, including consideration of the risk of suicide or homicide, on intervention particularities and on the treatment of mental disorders;

(2) 25 hours of theoretical professional development activities on the psychopathy of mental disorders and concomitant disorders relevant to the class of specialization of specialized nurse practitioners as well as the relevant psychometric and classification tools; and

(3) 20 hours of practical professional development activities on the content elements set out in paragraphs 1 and 2."

REGULATION RESPECTING CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE ENGAGED IN BY RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS

90. Section 3.1 of the Regulation respecting certain professional activities that may be engaged in by respiratory therapists (chapter M-9, r. 6) is amended by replacing "paragraph *o*" in the introductory clause by "subparagraph *o*.1 of the first paragraph".

REGULATION RESPECTING CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE ENGAGED IN BY A NURSE

91. The Regulation respecting certain professional activities that may be engaged in by a nurse (chapter M-9, r. 12.001) is repealed.

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RÈGLEMENT SUR LES RÉGIMES COMPLÉMENTAIRES D'AVANTAGES SOCIAUX DANS L'INDUSTRIE DE LA CONSTRUCTION

92. Section 86 of the Règlement sur les régimes complémentaires d'avantages sociaux dans l'industrie de la construction (chapter R-20, r. 10, French only) is amended by inserting "ou d'un thérapeute conjugal et familial" after "travailleur social" in paragraph 5.

93. Schedule X to the Regulation is amended by inserting "d'un thérapeute conjugal et familial," after "d'un travailleur social," in the heading of column 12.

CODE OF ETHICS OF MIDWIVES

94. Section 1 of the Code of ethics of midwives (chapter S-0.1, r. 5) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

"In this Code, unless the context indicates otherwise, a reference to a woman includes any person to whom midwives provide professional services."

RÈGLEMENT SUR LES DOSSIERS ET LE CABINET DE CONSULTATION D'UNE SAGE-FEMME

95. The Règlement sur les dossiers et le cabinet de consultation d'une sage-femme (chapter S-0.1, r. 9, French only) is amended by inserting the following section after section 35:

"**35.1.** Dans le présent règlement, à moins que le contexte ne s'y oppose, une référence à une femme comprend toute personne à qui la sage-femme rend des services professionnels."

REGULATION RESPECTING THE EXAMINATIONS AND ANALYSES THAT A MIDWIFE MAY PRESCRIBE, CONDUCT OR INTERPRET IN THE PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY

96. Section 1 of the Regulation respecting the examinations and analyses that a midwife may prescribe, conduct or interpret in the practice of midwifery (chapter S-0.1, r. 11) is amended by inserting ", in addition to those that could be required under subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the third paragraph of section 6 of the Midwives Act (chapter S-0.1)," after "interpret" in the introductory clause of the first paragraph.

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RÈGLEMENT SUR LES NORMES RELATIVES À LA FORME ET AU CONTENU DES ORDONNANCES VERBALES OU ÉCRITES FAITES PAR UNE SAGE-FEMME

97. Section 1 of the Règlement sur les normes relatives à la forme et au contenu des ordonnances verbales ou écrites faites par une sage-femme (chapter S-0.1, r. 15, French only) is amended, in the first paragraph,

(1) by striking out "sans toutefois que la date prévue pour le dernier renouvellement dépasse la période de 6 semaines après l'accouchement" in subparagraph *g* of subparagraph 4;

(2) by replacing "de la femme ou de son enfant consignée au dossier, sans toutefois que la date de l'ordonnance dépasse la période de 6 semaines après l'accouchement" in subparagraph 7 by "consignée au dossier".

REGULATION RESPECTING HEALTH SERVICES, ADAPTED EQUIPMENT AND OTHER COSTS

98. Section 34 of the Regulation respecting health services, adapted equipment and other costs, enacted by Order in Council 1357-2025 (2025, G.O. 2, 3809), is amended by inserting "by a marriage and family therapist entered on the roll of the Ordre professionnel des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec or" after "psychotherapeutic care provided" in the first paragraph.

99. Section 36 of the Regulation is amended by replacing "a psychologist or by" by "the psychologist, the marriage and family therapist or".

100. Section 5 of Schedule V to the Regulation is amended by inserting "to a marriage and family therapist and" after "modifications,".

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

101. The first regulation made under section 12.0.1 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26), as amended by section 2 of this Act, may prescribe any transitional measure applicable to the examinations and inquiries in progress on the date of its coming into force.

102. Any regulation made by the Government under section 184 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26) is deemed to have been made by the Office des professions du Québec under section 12.0.1.1 of that Code, enacted by section 3 of this Act.

103. The information contained in the roll of a professional order under the Regulation respecting the roll of professional orders (chapter C-26, r. 9) is deemed to be contained in that roll under a resolution of the board of directors of that order passed in accordance with section 46.1 of that Code, as amended by section 8 of this Act.

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104. The following regulations are deemed to have been made under subparagraph *o*.1 of the first paragraph of section 94 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26), enacted by subparagraph *b* of paragraph 1 of section 18 of this Act:

(1) the Règlement sur une activité de formation des conseillers d'orientation pour le diagnostic des troubles mentaux (chapter C-26, r. 65.1, French only);

(2) the Règlement sur les activités de formation des inhalothérapeutes pour opérer et assurer le fonctionnement de l'équipement d'assistance pulmonaire ou circulatoire par membrane extracorporelle et de l'équipement d'autotransfusion (chapter C-26, r. 162.1, French only);

(3) the Règlement sur une activité de formation des physiothérapeutes pour l'utilisation des aiguilles sous le derme pour atténuer l'inflammation en complément de l'utilisation d'autres moyens (chapter C-26, r. 192, French only);

(4) the Règlement sur des activités de formation des physiothérapeutes pour procéder à des manipulations vertébrales et articulaires (chapter C-26, r. 192.1, French only);

(5) the Règlement sur une activité de formation des psychologues pour le diagnostic des troubles neuropsychologiques (chapter C-26, r. 208.3, French only);

(6) the Règlement sur une activité de formation des sexologues pour le diagnostic des troubles sexuels (chapter C-26, r. 221.1.001, French only);

(7) the Règlement sur une activité de formation des technologistes médicaux (chapter C-26, r. 236, French only);

(8) the Règlement sur l'activité de formation des pharmaciens pour l'administration d'un médicament (chapter P-10, r. 1.1, French only); and

(9) the Règlement sur les activités de formation des technologues en électrophysiologie médicale pour l'exercice de certaines activités (chapter T-5, r. 0.1, French only).

105. A regulation to which section 95.1 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26), enacted by section 20 of this Act, applies is, until guidelines are established by the Office des professions du Québec or until 2 December 2026, whichever occurs first, sent for examination to the Office, which may approve it with or without amendment.

Section 8 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1) does not apply to a regulation referred to in the first paragraph.

106. Section 123.7 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26), amended by section 23 of this Act, continues to apply as it read on 1 April 2026 if the conciliation was proposed by the syndic before 2 April 2026.

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107. The right to practise psychotherapy of a marriage and family therapist who, on 1 April 2026, is not the holder of a psychotherapist's permit, a physician or a psychologist, or the holder of a diploma referred to in subparagraph *a* of paragraph 2 of section 1.15 of the Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated educational institutions which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders (chapter C-26, r. 2) is restricted until the therapist shows to the Ordre professionnel des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec that the therapist meets the conditions for obtaining the psychotherapist's permit that are set out in section 1 of the Regulation respecting the psychotherapist's permit (chapter C-26, r. 222.1), amended by section 79 of this Act.

108. For the reference period that began on 21 June 2022, the continuing education activities provided for in the program of continuing education activities in psychotherapy adopted by the Ordre professionnel des psychologues du Québec in accordance with section 3 of the Regulation respecting the psychotherapist's permit (chapter C-26, r. 222.1) are deemed to have been adopted by the Ordre professionnel des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec in accordance with that section, as amended by section 81 of this Act.

109. The records and documents that relate to the practice of psychotherapy by a marriage and family therapist who holds a psychotherapist's permit and that are held by the Ordre professionnel des psychologues du Québec, including those that relate to continuing education and permit applications, become, without further formality, those of the Ordre professionnel des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec.

110. The examination of applications for equivalence of a diploma or training that are made in accordance with the Règlement sur les normes d'équivalence pour la délivrance d'un permis de l'Ordre professionnel des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec (chapter C-26, r. 293.1, French only) to obtain a marriage and family therapist's permit includes the examination of the conditions for the issue of a psychotherapist's permit set out in section 1 of the Regulation respecting the psychotherapist's permit (chapter C-26, r. 222.1), amended by section 79 of this Act, until the standards for equivalence of diplomas issued by educational establishments situated outside Québec for the purposes of issuing a permit authorizing the practice of the profession of marriage and family therapist are amended to take into account the coming into force of this Act.

111. The sections of the Ordre des agronomes du Québec, which are legal persons under the Agrologists Act (chapter A-12), are dissolved on 1 April 2027. The Ordre des agronomes du Québec acquires their rights and assumes their obligations as of that date. The records and other documents of a section become those of the Order.

112. The term of office of a member of the board of directors of a section of the Ordre des agronomes du Québec ends on 1 April 2027.

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113. The members of the board of directors who are delegates from each of the sections of the Ordre des agronomes du Québec in office on 31 March 2027 are deemed to be directors elected in accordance with the Professional Code (chapter C-26). They remain in office until an election is held, which must take place not later than 18 May 2028. Until that date, the board of directors of the Ordre des agronomes du Québec is deemed to be constituted in accordance with the Professional Code and the provisions of the Agrologists Act (chapter A-12).

Despite the preceding paragraph, the term of office of a director appointed by the Office des professions du Québec ends when the term expires.

114. The board of directors of the Ordre des chimistes du Québec must make the first regulation referred to in section 7 of the Chemists Act (chapter C-15), enacted by section 48 of this Act, not later than 2 April 2027.

115. The sections of the Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec, which are legal persons under the Nurses Act (chapter I-8), are dissolved on 1 April 2027. The Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec acquires their rights and assumes their obligations as of that date. The records and other documents of a section then become those of the Order.

116. Despite any provision of a regulation made under the first paragraph of section 24 of the Nurses Act (chapter I-8), the term of office of a member of the board of directors of a section of the Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec ends on 1 April 2027.

117. An optometrist who, on 1 April 2026, does not hold both permits referred to in section 19.2 of the Optometry Act (chapter O-7) must, before engaging in the activities referred to in section 19.1 of that Act, enacted by section 65 of this Act, complete the training program approved by the board of directors, which must include at least 145 hours of theoretical and clinical courses related to eye health and to the pharmacological treatment of certain eye diseases, offered by École d'optométrie de l'Université de Montréal or by another educational institution whose program complies with the standards of the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education.

Until the optometrist has completed the training referred to in the first paragraph, the optometrist may, if he or she holds one of the permits referred to in section 19.2 of the Optometry Act, continue to engage in the activities covered by that permit in the cases provided for in section 19.1 of that Act.

118. Despite the third paragraph of section 9 of the Dental Act (chapter D-3), the term of office of the president of the Ordre des dentistes du Québec in office on 2 April 2026 is five years.

119. Unless the context indicates otherwise and with the necessary modifications, in any regulation made under the Professional Code (chapter C-26) or under an Act constituting a professional order,

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(1) "Government", where it designates the authority empowered to make a regulation under section 184 of the Professional Code, is replaced by "Office des professions du Québec"; and

(2) "184 of the Code" and "184 of that Code" are replaced by "12.0.1.1 of the Code" and "12.0.1.1 of that Code", respectively.

120. The provisions of this Act come into force on 2 April 2026, except

(1) the provisions of sections 2 and 13, which come into force on the date determined by the Government;

(2) the provisions of section 3 insofar as it enacts section 12.0.1.2 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26), and sections 17 and 38, which come into force on the date of coming into force of the first regulation made under section 12.0.1.2 of the Professional Code, enacted by section 3 of this Act;

(3) the provisions of paragraph 3 of section 6, which come into force on the date of coming into force of the first regulation made under subparagraph *i* of paragraph 7 of section 37.1 of the Professional Code, enacted by section 6 of this Act;

(4) the provisions of sections 34 to 36, 56 and 57, paragraph 1 of section 58, and sections 59 and 61, which come into force on 1 April 2027;

(5) the provisions of section 53, which come into force on the date of coming into force of the first regulation referred to in section 7 of the Chemists Act (chapter C-15), enacted by section 48 of this Act;

(6) the provisions of paragraph 2 of section 58 insofar as it enacts paragraph *h* of section 14 of the Nurses Act (chapter I-8), paragraph 1 of section 62, and sections 85 and 86, which come into force on the date of coming into force of the first regulation made under paragraph *h* of section 14 of the Nurses Act, enacted by section 58 of this Act; and

(7) the provisions of paragraph 2 of section 58 insofar as it enacts paragraph *i* of section 14 of the Nurses Act, paragraph 2 of section 62, and section 91, which come into force on the date of coming into force of the first regulation made under paragraph *i* of section 14 of the Nurses Act, enacted by section 58 of this Act.

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

SECOND SESSION FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 18
(2026, chapter 9)

An Act to amend the voting criteria for electors outside Québec

Introduced 26 March 2026
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Act allows an elector who is temporarily absent from Québec to exercise their right to vote by mail during the five years after their departure.

The Act also provides that an elector who is temporarily absent from Québec for study purposes may exercise their right to vote by mail throughout their absence.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

– Election Act (chapter E-3.3).

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Bill 18

AN ACT TO AMEND THE VOTING CRITERIA FOR ELECTORS OUTSIDE QUÉBEC

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

ELECTION ACT

1. Section 282 of the Election Act (chapter E-3.3) is amended

(1) by replacing "two" in the first paragraph by "five";

(2) in the second paragraph,

(*a*) by replacing "two-year" by "five-year";

(*b*) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph 2:

"(2.1) an elector who is outside Québec to attend an educational institution; or";

(*c*) by replacing "1 or 2" in subparagraph 3 by "1, 2 or 2.1".

2. Section 283 of the Act is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the third paragraph: "However, if the elector is described in subparagraph 2.1 of that second paragraph, the request must instead be accompanied by proof of his registration in the educational institution concerned."

3. Section 286 of the Act is amended by replacing "two" by "five".

FINAL PROVISION

4. The provisions of this Act come into force on 2 April 2026.

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O.C. 688-2026, 6 May 2026

COMING INTO FORCE of certain provisions of the Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and to enact the Act to assist in locating missing persons

WHEREAS, under paragraph 1 of section 137 of the Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and to enact the Act to assist in locating missing persons (2023, chapter 20), the Act comes into force on 5 October 2023, except, in particular, sections 1, 13 and 113, which comes into force on the date or dates to be set by the Government;

WHEREAS it is expedient to set 6 May 2026 as the date of coming into force of sections 1, 13 and 113 of the Act;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Domestic Security:

THAT 6 May 2026 be set as the date of coming into force of sections 1, 13 and 113 of the Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and to enact the Act to assist in locating missing persons (2023, chapter 20).

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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O.C. 675-2026, 6 May 2026

Regulation respecting invasive exotic plant species

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 9 of the first paragraph of section 95.1 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2), the Government may make regulations to exempt any person or class of activity it determines from all or part of the Act and prescribe, in such cases, environmental protection and quality standards applicable to the exempted persons and activities, which may vary according to the type of activity, the territory concerned or the characteristics of the milieu;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 26 of the first paragraph of section 95.1 of the Act, the Government may make regulations to regulate or prohibit the growing, sale, use or transportation of specified invasive plant species whose establishment or propagation in the environment is likely to harm the environment or biodiversity;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 30 of the Act respecting certain measures enabling the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation (chapter M-11.6), the Government may, in a regulation made in particular under the Environment Quality Act, specify that failure to comply with a provision of the regulation may give rise to a monetary administrative penalty, set out the conditions for applying the penalty and determine the amounts or the methods for calculating them. The amounts may vary in particular according to the extent to which the standards have been violated;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 45 of the Act respecting certain measures enabling the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation, the Government may determine the provisions of a regulation the Government has made in particular under the Environment Quality 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;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation respecting invasive exotic plant species was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette Officielle du Québec* of 22 October 2025 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks:

THAT the Regulation respecting invasive exotic plant species, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation respecting invasive exotic plant species

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 95.1, 1st par., subpars. 9 and 26).

Act respecting certain measures enabling the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation
(chapter M-11.6, ss. 30 and 45).

DIVISION I
GENERAL

1. For the purposes of this Regulation, an invasive exotic plant species is a species or subspecies listed in Schedule I, including, if applicable, the subspecies, varieties, cultivars and hybrids of that species.

Despite the first paragraph, the invasive exotic plant species Japanese barberry *(Berberis thunbergii* de Candolle) does not include the cultivars associated with the species, except the cultivar Emerald Carousel (*Berberis thunbergii* "Tara" Emerald Carousel) and the cultivar Jade Carousel (*Berberis thunbergii* "Bailgreen" Jade Carousel).

DIVISION II
PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

2. Growing an invasive exotic plant species means, in particular, the seeding, transplanting, propagation by cuttings and maintenance of the species.

Growing such a plant species for the purpose of propagating it is prohibited.

The prohibition does not apply to

(1) growing an invasive exotic plant species for the purpose of scientific research or experimentation conducted under the supervision of an eligible public research centre within the meaning of paragraph *a*.1 of section 1029.8.1 of the Taxation Act (chapter I-3) or an educational institution

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at the college or university level situated in Québec, provided the propagation of the invasive exotic plant species outside of the growing sites is avoided;

(2) growing European reed (*Phragmites australis* (Cavanilles) Trinius ex Steudel subsp. *australis*) to be used in constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment, provided the propagation of the invasive exotic plant species outside of the growing sites is avoided.

3. The sale of an invasive exotic plant species is prohibited.

The prohibition applies to the sale of a whole plant or any part of the plant capable of propagating the species, including the roots, rhizomes, bulbs, stems, leaves, fruit and seeds.

The prohibition does not apply to the sale, by a supplier recognized by the Bureau de normalisation du Québec establishing compliance with NQ Standard 3680-910, of European reed (*Phragmites australis* (Cavanilles) Trinius ex Steudel subsp. *australis*) to be used in constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment.

DIVISION III
PENALTIES

4. A monetary administrative penalty of $1,500 in the case of a natural person or $7,500 in other cases may be imposed on any person who grows or sells an invasive exotic plant species in contravention of sections 2 and 3.

5. Every person who grows or sells an invasive exotic plant species in contravention of sections 2 and 3 commits an offence and is liable, in the case of a natural person, to a fine of $8,000 to $500,000 and, in other cases, to a fine of $24,000 to $3,000,000.

DIVISION IV
FINAL

6. Section 118.3.3 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) does not apply to a municipality that regulates an activity governed by this Regulation.

7. This Regulation comes into force on 4 june 2026, except section 3, which comes into force on 4 june 2027 with regard to the following invasive exotic plant species:

(1) Carolina fanwort (*Cabomba caroliniana* A. Gray);

(2) Goutweed (*Aegopodium podagraria* Linnaeus);

(3) Brazilian waterweed (*Egeria densa* Planchon);

(4) Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii* de Candolle);

(5) Brazilian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum aquaticum* (Vellozo) Verdcourt);

(6) Glossy buckthorn (*Frangula alnus* Miller).

SCHEDULE I
(Section 1)

INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANT SPECIES

Autumn olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata* Thunberg)

Black swallowwort (*Vincetoxicum nigrum* (Linnaeus) Moench)

Bohemian knotweed (*Reynoutria ×bohemica* Chrtek & Chrtková)

Brazilian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum aquaticum* (Vellozo) Verdcourt)

Brazilian waterweed (*Egeria densa* Planchon)

Brittle-leaved naiad (*Najas minor* Allioni)

Carolina fanwort (*Cabomba caroliniana* A. Gray)

Curly-leaved pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus* Linnaeus)

Eurasian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum* Linnaeus)

European buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica* Linnaeus)

European frog-bit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae* Linnaeus)

European reed (*Phragmites australis* (Cavanilles) Trinius ex Steudel subsp. *australis*)

European swallowwort (*Vincetoxicum rossicum* (Kleopow) Barbaricz)

Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata* (M. Bieberstein) Cavara & Grande)

Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum* Sommier & Levier)

Giant knotweed (*Reynoutria sachalinensis* (F. Schmidt) Nakai)

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Glossy buckthorn (*Frangula alnus* Miller)

Goutweed (*Aegopodium podagraria* Linnaeus)

Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii* de Candolle)

Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica* Houttuyn)

Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum* (Trinius) A. Camus)

Kudzu (*Pueraria montana* (Loureiro) Merrill)

Lesser celandine (*Ficaria verna* Hudson)

Maack's honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii* (Ruprecht) Maximowicz)

Meadow cow parsnip (*Heracleum sphondylium* Linnaeus)

Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus* Thunberg)

Purple jewelweed (*Impatiens glandulifera* Royle)

Water chestnut (*Trapa natans* Linnaeus)

Water soldiers (*Stratiotes aloides* Linnaeus)

Waterthyme (*Hydrilla verticillata* (L. f.) Royle)

Yellow floatingheart (*Nymphoides peltata* (S.G. Gmelin) Kuntze)

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O.C. 689-2026, 6 May 2026

Regulation respecting the exercise of investigative functions by persons who do not hold a diploma in police patrolling issued by the École nationale de police du Québec

WHEREAS, under the fifth paragraph of section 115 of the Police Act (chapter P-13.1), as amended by section 13 of the Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and to enact the Act to assist in locating missing persons (2023, chapter 20), the Government may, by regulation, determine the areas in which a person who does not hold a diploma in police patrolling issued by the École nationale de police du Québec may be hired as a police officer to exercise investigative functions, within a police force, other than a specialized police force, and the selection criteria and minimum qualifications required, including training, to be hired in that capacity;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 116 of the Act, as amended by section 14 of the Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and to enact the Act to assist in locating missing persons, the Government may, by regulation, in the cases determined in the regulation, determine the minimum qualifications required, including training, to exercise investigative functions within a police force other than a specialized police force;

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of section 116 of the Act, as amended by section 14 of the Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and to enact the Act to assist in locating missing persons, the regulation may prescribe methods for monitoring, supervising or evaluating the training requirements, penalties for a failure to comply with those requirements and, where applicable, exemptions from training;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation respecting the exercise of investigative functions by persons who do not hold a diploma in police patrolling issued by the École nationale de police du Québec was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 19 November 2025 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Domestic Security:

THAT the Regulation respecting the exercise of investigative functions by persons who do not hold a diploma in police patrolling issued by the École nationale de police du Québec, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation respecting the exercise of investigative functions by persons who do not hold a diploma in police patrolling issued by the École nationale de police du Québec

Police Act
(chapter P-13.1, s. 115, par. 5, and s. 116, pars. 1 and 2; 2023, chapter 20, ss. 13 and 14).

DIVISION I
AREAS OF INVESTIGATION

1. The areas in which a person who does not hold a diploma in police patrolling issued by the École nationale de police du Québec may be hired as a police officer to exercise investigative functions within a police force, other than a specialized police force, are the following:

(1) economic or financial crime;

(2) cybercrime.

DIVISION II
SELECTION CRITERIA

2. The following criteria are considered in order to hire a person who does not hold a diploma in police patrolling issued by the École nationale de police du Québec as a police officer to exercise investigative functions within a police force, other than a specialized police force:

(1) personal and relationship skills, in particular probity, adherence to organizational values, and sense of ethics and public service;

(2) intellectual qualities;

(3) operational abilities;

(4) motivation and interest;

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(5) knowledge;

(6) experience.

The criteria are evaluated according to the office to be filled and the candidate profile sought to hold the office.

DIVISION III
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO BE HIRED AS A POLICE OFFICER

§1. Personal and professional qualities

3. A person who does not hold a diploma in police patrolling issued by the École nationale de police du Québec must have the following personal and professional qualities to be hired as a police officer to exercise investigative functions within a police force, other than a specialized police force:

(1) ability to communicate;

(2) ability to work in a team;

(3) autonomy;

(4) rigour;

(5) judgment; and

(6) sense of ethics.

§2. Training

4. A person who does not hold a diploma in police patrolling issued by the École nationale de police du Québec must hold a bachelor's degree relevant to the office to be filled.

Five years of relevant experience may be substituted for the bachelor's degree.

DIVISION IV
TRAINING REQUIRED TO EXERCISE INVESTIGATIVE FUNCTIONS

5. A person who does not hold a diploma in police patrolling issued by the École nationale de police du Québec and who is hired as a police officer to exercise investigative functions within a police force, other than a specialized police force, must successfully complete the preparatory investigative training program and the basic training program in police investigation of the École nationale de police du Québec.

6. The preparatory investigative training program must be begun within a maximum period of 1 month following the date of hiring and be successfully completed within a maximum period of 6 months following that date.

The director of the police force may, for a valid reason and with the authorization of the Minister of Public Security, grant an extension of the period for beginning and successfully completing the program.

7. The basic training program in police investigation must be begun within a maximum period of 6 months following the date of successful completion of the preparatory investigative training program and be successfully completed within a maximum period of 24 months following that date.

The director of the police force may, for a valid reason, grant an extension of a maximum period of 4 months to begin the program. The director may also grant an extension of the period for successfully completing the program. However, the extensions may not exceed a total period of 12 months. In addition, the director may, for a valid reason and with the authorization of the Minister of Public Security, grant an additional extension.

Until the program has been successfully completed, the person may exercise the investigative functions assigned to him or her by the director of the police force, under the supervision of a police officer whose main task is to exercise investigative functions and who holds the police investigation diploma issued by the École nationale de police du Québec.

8. The director of a police force must inform the École nationale de police du Québec as soon as he grants an extension under this Regulation. In addition, the director must inform the Minister annually of the reasons for and duration of each extension.

9. A person who does not hold a diploma in police patrolling issued by the École nationale de police du Québec but has successfully completed the investigative training program of the Anti-Corruption Commissioner or the Programme de formation des enquêteurs of the Bureau des enquêtes indépendantes of the École nationale de police du Québec is deemed to comply with section 5.

10. An equivalence for a training activity provided for by this Regulation may be granted in accordance with the By-law to establish the Training Plan Regulation of the École nationale de police du Québec (chapter P-13.1, r. 4).

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DIVISION V
FINAL

11. 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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O.C. 690-2026, 6 May 2026

Regulation to amend the Tariff of costs for the transportation, keeping and preservation of dead bodies

WHEREAS, under subparagraphs 3 and 4 of the first paragraph of section 168 of the Coroners Act (chapter C-68.01), the Government may, by regulation, after consultation with the Chief Coroner, adopt tariffs establishing the costs of transporting, keeping and preserving dead bodies which a coroner or another authorized person takes possession of and the cost of any other service required for the administration of the Act;

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of section 168 of the Act, the Government may also, by regulation, determine in which cases, on what conditions and to which categories of persons the tariffs apply;

WHEREAS the Chief Coroner has been consulted;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (Chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Tariff of costs for the transportation, keeping and preservation of dead bodies was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 11 February 2026 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Domestic Security:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Tariff of costs for the transportation, keeping and preservation of dead bodies, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation to amend the Tariff of costs for the transportation, keeping and preservation of dead bodies

Coroners Act
(chapter C-68.01, s. 168, 1st par., subpars. 3 and 4, and 2nd par.).

1. The Tariff of costs for the transportation, keeping and preservation of dead bodies (chapter C-68.01, r. 7) is amended in section 1

(1) by replacing the table in paragraph 1 by the following:

“

Basic amount	Day or evening	Night
Monday to Sunday	$589	$717
Holiday (other than a Sunday)	$717	$717

”;

(2) by replacing the table in paragraph 2 by the following:

“

Basic amount	Day or evening	Night
Monday to Sunday	$484	$612
Holiday (other than a Sunday)	$612	$612
Plus the kilometres travelled		
On public roads	$1.75/km	
Off public roads	$3.20/km	

”;

(3) by replacing “113” in paragraph 3 by “122”;

(4) by striking out paragraph 4;

(5) by replacing paragraph 5 by the following:

“(5) $59/hour for the time waited and the work of the carrier’s employees when taking possession of a body or during an external examination or autopsy, up to a maximum of 9 hours per employee;”.

2. Section 2 is amended

(1) by replacing “61” wherever it appears in the first paragraph by “102”;

(2) by replacing “61” in the second paragraph by “67”.

3. Section 3 is amended by replacing “1 to 5” in the first paragraph by “1 to 3 and 5”.

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4. Despite sections 1 and 2 of this Regulation, for the period from (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*) to 31 March 2027,

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(1) section 1 of the Tariff of costs for the transportation, keeping and preservation of dead bodies (chapter C-68.01, r. 7), amended by section 1 of this Regulation, is to be read by replacing

(*a*) the table in paragraph 1 by the following:

“

Basic amount	Day or evening	Night
Monday to Sunday	$385	$449
Holiday (other than a Sunday)	$449	$449

”;

(*b*) the table in paragraph 2 by the following:

“

Basic amount	Day or evening	Night
Monday to Sunday	$310	$374
Holiday (other than a Sunday)	$374	$374
Plus the kilometres travelled		
On public roads	$1.75/km	
Off public roads	$3.20/km	

”;

(*c*) “59” in paragraph 5 by “48”;

(2) the first paragraph of section 2 of the Tariff of costs for the transportation, keeping and preservation of dead bodies, amended by section 2 of this Regulation, is to be read by replacing “102”, wherever it appears, by “85”.

5. 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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O.C. 699-2026, 13 May 2026

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the promise and awarding of grants

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 57 of the Public Administration Act (chapter A-6.01), the Government may, by regulation, determine the cases in which the awarding of grants or other forms of financial assistance requires the authorization of the Government or the Conseil du trésor;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the promise and awarding of grants was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 25 March 2026 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and State Efficiency and Chair of the Conseil du trésor:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the promise and awarding of grants, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the promise and awarding of grants

Public Administration Act
(chapter A-6.01, s. 57, 1st par.).

1. The Regulation respecting the promise and awarding of grants (chapter A-6.01, r. 6) is amended in section 1 by replacing "and bodies of the Government" by "and budget-funded bodies".

2. Section 2 is revoked.

3. Section 3 is amended

(1) by replacing "the prior approval" in the portion before paragraph *a* by "authorization";

(2) by replacing "of the Government" and "$1,000,000" in paragraph *a* by "to the Government" and "$3,000,000", respectively;

(3) by replacing "is less than $1,000,000 but greater than $50,000" in paragraph *b* by "is less than $3,000,000 but greater than $100,000".

4. Section 4 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph

(*a*) by replacing "l'approbation" in the portion before subparagraph *a* in the French text by "l'autorisation";

(*b*) by striking out ", and where it does not exceed the unappropriated balance of the amount of the account of the budgetary program to which it is charged" in subparagraph *b*;

(2) in the second paragraph

(*a*) by replacing "approved" in the portion before subparagraph *a* by "authorized";

(*b*) by replacing "100 000 $ et plus" in subparagraph *a* of the French text by "plus de 100 000 $";

(*c*) by replacing subparagraph *c* by the following:

"(*c*) where a grant, intended for the carrying out of construction work involving an expenditure equal to or greater than the lowest minimum threshold from among those provided for in any intergovernmental agreements and that are applicable to departments and budget-funded bodies for construction work contracts, is awarded or promised, except to a public body within the meaning of section 4 of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies (chapter C-65.1), and where the standards approved do not include the obligation to make a public call for tenders for awarding the contract, unless the standards expressly provide that the obligation to make a public call for tenders does not apply.".

5. Section 5 is amended by replacing "approval" by "authorization".

6. 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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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 707-2026, 13 May 2026

Regulation to amend the regulation respecting the eligibility of a claim submitted to the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 58.0.2 of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (chapter E-6.1), enacted by section 46 of the Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector (2025, chapter 16), the Autorité des marchés financiers shall rule on the eligibility of claims submitted to it and decide the amount of the indemnities to be paid in accordance with the rules it determines by regulation;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 58.0.3 of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector, enacted by section 46 of the Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector, the Autorité des marchés financiers shall determine, by regulation, the amount of the contribution to be paid by a representative holding a certificate, a firm, an independent representative or an independent partnership registered under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services (chapter D-9.2) or by a representative, a dealer or an advisor registered under the Derivatives Act (chapter I-14.01) or the Securities Act (chapter V-1.1);

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of that section, the Autorité des marchés financiers shall determine the amount of the contribution on the basis of any criteria it considers relevant;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 58.0.4 of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector, enacted by section 46 of the Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector, a regulation made by the Autorité des marchés financiers, notably under the first paragraph of sections 58.0.2 and 58.0.3 of the Act, requires the approval of the Government, which may approve it with or without amendment;

WHEREAS the Autorité des marchés financiers made the Regulation to amend the regulation respecting the eligibility of a claim submitted to the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers by the decision no. 2025-PDG-0075 of 16 December 2025;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), the draft regulation to amend the regulation respecting the eligibility of a claim submitted to the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 31 December 2025, with a notice that it could be submitted to the Government for approval, with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve that regulation without amendment;

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

THAT the Regulation to amend the regulation respecting the eligibility of a claim submitted to the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers, appended hereto, be approved.

DAVID BAHAN
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation to amend the regulation respecting the eligibility of a claim submitted to the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers

Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (chapter E-6.1, s. 58.0.2, 1st par., and s. 58.0.3, 1st par; 2025, chapter 16, s. 46).

1. The title of the Regulation respecting the eligibility of a claim submitted to the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers (chapter D-9.2, r. 1) is replaced by the following:

"Regulation respecting the eligibility of a claim submitted to the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers and the contribution payable".

2. Section 1 of the Regulation is replaced by the following:

"**CHAPTER I**
"ELIGIBILITY OF A CLAIM".

"**1.** A claim must be submitted to the Autorité des marchés financiers using the form available on the website of the Authority. The claim must contain all the facts and supporting documents on which the claim is based as well as the following information:

(1) the name of the author of the alleged act;

(2) the amount claimed.

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At the request of the Authority, the victim must certify under oath that the information provided in the claim is true.".

3. Section 2 of the Regulation is amended:

(1) by replacing "filed" and "referred to in section 274 of the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services (chapter D-9.2)" by, respectively, "submitted" and "referred to in section 45 of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (chapter E-6.1), enacted by section 46 of the Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector (2025, chapter 16)";

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

"For the purposes of this section, such awareness may be acquired whether or not the author of the act has been prosecuted or convicted for the conduct alleged in the claim.".

4. Section 3 of the Regulation is amended by replacing "if the claimant shows that, for reasons beyond his control, he was unable to file" by "if the victim has shown that he was unable to act and, for that reason, was unable to submit".

5. Section 4 of the Regulation is replaced by the following:

"**4.** Where a self-regulatory organization recognized by the Authority under Title III of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (chapter E-6.1), after hearing a disciplinary matter within the meaning of its rules of operation, hands down a decision that recommends compensation, the decision constitutes a claim provided that the complaint lodged with the organization was filed within the time limit specified in section 2.".

6. Section 6 of the Regulation is amended by replacing ", the firm, the independent representative, or the independent partnership concerned" by "and the person or partnership referred to in the second or third paragraph of section 45 of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (chapter E-6.1), enacted by section 46 of An Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector, in respect of which the claim is made".

7. The Regulation is amended by adding the following after section 7:

"**CHAPTER II**
"COMPENSATION".

8. Section 8 of the Regulation is amended by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

"The maximum amount of compensation that may be paid for the same event is limited to $75,000,000 for the totality of eligible claims.

"Event" means all the facts arising from a fraud, or from a series of frauds, fraudulent tactics or embezzlements occurring within the same period that are related to each other by circumstances.".

9. Section 9 of the Regulation is replaced by the following:

"**9.** For the purposes of section 8, the claims submitted for the same event by the claimant and the groups of which the claimant is the holder of control are considered one and the same claim.

A group may be a legal person, a partnership or a trust. In such cases, the holder of control means

(1) in the case of a business corporation, the holder of shares conferring more than 50% of the voting rights or whoever can otherwise choose the majority of its directors; or

(2) in the case of a partnership that is a limited partnership, the general partner, and in the case of any other partnership, the partner who can determine the outcome of collective decisions, if applicable;

"**10.** The amount of compensation payable is calculated to offset the financial loss incurred by the claimant and restore the claimant to the financial position that he was in before the event occurred.

"**11.** Where the amount of compensation payable in respect of an event exceeds the maximum amount provided for in the second paragraph of section 8, the maximum amount is allocated among the claimants pro rata to the amounts of the eligible claims.

Where the Authority is of the opinion that the aggregate compensation payable for an event may be up to this maximum amount, it must:

(1) invite any persons to submit a claim in respect of the event. The date of the invitation will be deemed to be the date on which the claimant became aware of the fraud, fraudulent tactics or embezzlement, as provided for in section 2;

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(2) suspend the payment of compensation until it has reviewed all eligible claims relating to the event.

This section does not prevent a victim who was unable to act within the meaning of section 3 from submitting a claim and being entitled to compensation.

"**12.** When the claimant receives the determined compensation, he must sign an acquittance in favour of the Authority with subrogation of all rights in respect of the claim against the persons involved, their successors, or any person, partnership or entity that is or may be bound to make the payment, up to the amount of compensation paid.

"**CHAPTER III**
"CONTRIBUTION

"**13.** The annual contribution that must be paid by a person or partnership referred to in section 45 of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (chapter E-6.1), enacted by section 46 of An Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector (2025, chapter 16), is, other than for persons and partnerships referred to in sections 20 and 21, determined on a case-by-case basis for each representative through whom the person or partnership pursues or intends to pursue activities or each person who acts on behalf of the person or partnership, and this for each sector, sector class or category of registration in which the representative or person is authorized to act.

"**14.** Where the accumulated surplus of the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers is less than $50,000,000, the contribution payable is determined as follows:

(1) an amount of $310 for each representative registered under the Derivatives Act (chapter I-14.01) or the Securities Act (chapter V-1.1) other than a dealing representative of a mutual fund dealer and a dealing representative of a scholarship plan dealer;

(2) an amount of $250 for each dealing representative of a mutual fund dealer registered under the Securities Act;

(3) an amount of $160 for each dealing representative of a scholarship plan dealer registered under the Securities Act;

(4) an amount of $200 for each representative holding a certificate issued under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services (chapter D-9.2) in the sector or a sector class of damage insurance or insurance of persons;

(5) an amount of $170 for each representative holding a certificate issued under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services in the sector of group insurance of persons or mortgage brokerage;

(6) an amount of $160 for each representative holding a certificate issued under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services in the sector of claims adjustment or financial planning;

(7) an amount of $30 for each trainee referred to in the third paragraph of section 45 of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector, enacted by section 46 of An Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector (2025, chapter 16);

(8) an amount of $90 for each person referred to in subparagraph 3 of the second paragraph of section 10 of the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services.

"**15.** Where the accumulated surplus of the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers is equal to or greater than $50,000,000 but less than $75,000,000, the contribution payable is determined as follows:

(1) an amount of $280 for each representative registered under the Derivatives Act (chapter I-14.01) or the Securities Act (chapter V-1.1) other than a dealing representative of a mutual fund dealer and a dealing representative of a scholarship plan dealer;

(2) an amount of $220 for each dealing representative of a mutual fund dealer registered under the Securities Act;

(3) an amount of $130 for each dealing representative of a scholarship plan dealer registered under the Securities Act;

(4) an amount of $170 for each representative holding a certificate issued under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services (chapter D-9.2) in the sector or a sector class of damage insurance or insurance of persons;

(5) an amount of $140 for each representative holding a certificate issued under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services in the sector of group insurance of persons or mortgage brokerage;

(6) an amount of $130 for each representative holding a certificate issued under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services in the sector of claims adjustment or financial planning;

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(7) an amount of $30 for each trainee referred to in the third paragraph of section 45 of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (chapter E-6.1), enacted by section 46 of An Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector (2025, chapter 16);

(8) an amount of $90 for each person referred to in subparagraph 3 of the second paragraph of section 10 of the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services.

"**16.** Where the accumulated surplus of the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers is equal to or greater than $75,000,000 but less than $150,000,000, the contribution payable is determined as follows:

(1) an amount of $240 for each representative registered under the Derivatives Act (chapter I-14.01) or the Securities Act (chapter V-1.1) other than a dealing representative of a mutual fund dealer and a dealing representative of a scholarship plan dealer;

(2) an amount of $180 for each dealing representative of a mutual fund dealer registered under the Securities Act;

(3) an amount of $90 for each dealing representative of a scholarship plan dealer registered under the Securities Act;

(4) an amount of $130 for each representative holding a certificate issued under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services (chapter D-9.2) in the sector or a sector class of damage insurance or insurance of persons;

(5) an amount of $100 for each representative holding a certificate issued under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services in the sector of group insurance of persons or mortgage brokerage;

(6) an amount of $90 for each representative holding a certificate issued under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services in the sector of claims adjustment or financial planning;

(7) an amount of $30 for each trainee referred to in the third paragraph of section 45 of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (chapter E-6.1), enacted by section 46 of the Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector (2025, chapter 16);

(8) an amount of $90 for each person referred to in subparagraph 3 of the second paragraph of section 10 of the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services.

"**17.** Where the accumulated surplus of the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers is equal to or greater than $150,000,000 but less than $225,000,000, the contribution payable is determined as follows:

(1) an amount of $180 for each representative registered under the Derivatives Act (chapter I-14.01) or the Securities Act (chapter V-1.1) other than a dealing representative of a scholarship plan dealer;

(2) an amount of $90 for each dealing representative of a scholarship plan dealer registered under the Securities Act;

(3) an amount of $130 for each representative holding a certificate issued under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services (chapter D-9.2) in the sector or a sector class of damage insurance or insurance of persons;

(4) an amount of $100 for each representative holding a certificate issued under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services in the sector of group insurance of persons or mortgage brokerage;

(5) an amount of $90 for each representative holding a certificate issued under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services in the sector of claims adjustment or financial planning;

(6) an amount of $30 for each trainee referred to in the third paragraph of section 45 of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (chapter E-6.1), enacted by section 46 of the Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector (2025, chapter 16);

(7) an amount of $90 for each person referred to in subparagraph 3 of the second paragraph of section 10 of the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services.

"**18.** Where the accumulated surplus of the Fund is equal to or greater than $225,000,000, no contribution is payable.

"**19.** Any time the accumulated surplus of the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers reaches or exceeds $150,000,000, the contribution payable is determined in

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accordance with the parameters set out, as the case may be, in paragraphs 1 to 7 of section 17, until the accumulated surplus of the Fund is equal to or less than $75,000,000.

"**20.** The contribution payable by an investment dealer or a restricted dealer registered under the Securities Act (chapter V-1.1) who is authorized to open an order execution only account for a client is $5,000.

"**21.** The contribution payable by a firm or independent partnership registered under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services (chapter D-9.2) that offers products and services in a sector without the intermediary of a natural person within the meaning of section 2 of the Regulation respecting Alternative Distribution Methods (chapter D-9.2, r. 16.1) is $500.

"**22.** Where a representative holding a certificate under the Act respecting the distribution of financial products and services (chapter D-9.2) or a representative registered under the Derivatives Act (chapter I-14.01) or the Securities Act (chapter V-1.1) acts in more than one sector or sector class or more than one category of registration with the same person or partnership registered under these Acts, the contribution is discounted by $75 for each additional sector.

The discounted contribution provided for in this section does not apply to a person referred to in the third paragraph of section 45 of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (chapter E-6.1), enacted by section 46 of An Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector (2025, chapter 16).

"**23.** The contributions payable are adjusted on 1 January of each year in accordance with the rate of increase of the overall consumer price index for Canada for the period ending on 30 September of the preceding year, as determined by Statistics Canada. They are rounded down to the nearest dollar if they include a dollar fraction lower than $0.50 and rounded up to the nearest dollar if they include a dollar fraction that is equal to or greater than $0.50.

The contributions payable are also adjusted on 1 January of each year in accordance with the parameters set out in sections 14 to 19, based on the financial information for the Fund presented in the most recent annual management report of the Authority referred to in section 42 of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector (chapter E-6.1).

The result of the annual adjustment and contribution adjustments based on the parameters set out in sections 14 to 19, as the case may be, are published in the bulletin referred to in section 34 of the Act respecting the regulation of the financial sector.".

10. Despite paragraphs 1 to 8 of section 15 of the Regulation respecting the eligibility of a claim submitted to the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers and the contribution payable (chapter D-9.2, R.1), enacted by section 9 of this Regulation, and until 4 June 2029, if the accumulated surplus of the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers is equal to or greater than $75,000,000, the contribution payable will be determined based on the parameters set out in paragraphs 1 to 8 of section 16 of the Regulaton respecting the eligibility of a claim submitted to the Fonds d'indemnisation des services financiers and the contribution payable, enacted by section 9 of this Regulation.

11. This Regulation comes into force on 4 June 2026.

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Order 2026-5496 of the Minister of Justice dated March 13, 2026

Act to create a court specialized in sexual violence and domestic violence
(2021, chapter 32)

Judicial districts in which the court specialized in sexual violence and domestic violence is to be gradually established

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,

CONSIDERING subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph of section 83.0.1 of the Courts of Justice Act (chapter T-16), introduced by the Act to create a court specialized in sexual violence and domestic violence (2021, c. 32), which provides that for the purposes of establishing the specialized court, the Minister of Justice may, by order and after consulting the Court of Québec and the other partners from the justice system that the Minister considers appropriate, determine the judicial districts in which the court is to be gradually established and, as a result, where the Division Specialized in Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence may sit;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to gradually determine the judicial districts in which the court specialized in sexual violence and domestic violence is to be established and, as a result, the Division Specialized in Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence may sit

CONSIDERING that the Court of Québec and the following partners have been consulted:

— Réseau des Centres d'aide aux victimes d'actes criminels;

— Regroupement québécois des centres d'aide et de lutte contre les agressions à caractère sexuel;

— Barreau du Québec;

— Associations des avocats de la défense;

— Regroupement des maisons pour femmes victimes de violence conjugale;

— Fédération des maisons d'hébergement pour femmes;

— Alliance des maisons d'hébergement de 2e étape pour femmes et enfants victimes de violence conjugale;

— Association à coeur d'homme - Réseau d'aide aux hommes pour une société sans violence;

— Concertation des luttes contre l'exploitation sexuelle;

— Association des services de réhabilitation sociale du Québec;

— Femmes Autochtones du Québec;

— Regroupement des organismes québécois pour les hommes agressés sexuellement;

— Regroupement des intervenants en matière d'agression sexuelle;

— Association québécoise Plaidoyer-Victimes;

— Ministère de la Sécurité publique;

— Commission des services juridiques;

— Directeur des poursuites criminelles et pénales;

— Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux;

— Secrétariat à la condition féminine;

— Secrétariat aux relations avec les Premières Nations et les Inuit.

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

As of April 30, 2026, the court specialized in sexual violence and domestic violence is established in the district of Arthabaska and, as a result, the Division Specialized in Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence may sit in that district.

Quebec, March 13, 2026

SIMON JOLIN-BARRETTE
Minister of Justice

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Notice

Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act
(chapter T-11.011)

Determination of the manner for keeping the Québec registry of lobbyists

WHEREAS section 19 of the Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act (chapter T-11.011) provides that the Commissioner is responsible for keeping the registry of lobbyists in the manner the Commissioner determines;

WHEREAS section 66.1 of the Act sets forth the procedure for determining the manner for keeping the registry;

WHEREAS the Commissioner posted on the Commissioner's website the draft provisions specifying the manner for keeping the Québec registry of lobbyists on 9 January 2026, and any interested person was able to send comments until 23 February 2026 inclusive, in accordance with section 66.1 of the Act;

WHEREAS, following the consultation, only one amendment was made to the submitted terms and conditions, namely the addition of the second paragraph of section 11.3;

CONSEQUENTLY, notice is hereby given that the Lobbyists Commissioner determines the manner for keeping the registry of lobbyists set out below, which will become effective on June 4, 2026.

Québec City, May 8, 2026

JEAN-FRANÇOIS ROUTHIER
The Lobbyists Commissioner of Québec

Manner for keeping the registry of lobbyists

Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act
(chapter T-11.011, s. 66.1).

DIVISION 1
DEFINITIONS

1.1 For the purposes of these provisions specifying the manner for keeping the registry of lobbyists, the following terms shall have the meanings hereinafter assigned to them:

1° **"Draft":** A draft mandate record or entity record that has not yet been published.

2° **"Firm":** The enterprise or organization within which a consultant lobbyist works. Any natural person who carries out lobbying consultancy activities without doing so within such an enterprise or organization is regarded as a firm.

3° **"Carrefour Lobby Québec":** Web platform implementing the registry of lobbyists within the meaning of the Act.

4° **"Return":**

For a consultant lobbyist, information published on a specific date in accordance with section 9 of the Act in their entity's record, in their lobbyist record and in the mandate records to which they are attached in that capacity and for which the period has not expired.

For an enterprise lobbyist or an organization lobbyist, information published on a specific date in accordance with section 10 of the Act in their entity's record, in their lobbyist record, and in the mandate records to which they are attached in that capacity and for which the period has not expired.

5° **"Entity":** An enterprise or group within the meaning of section 3 of the Act, or a firm.

6° **"Collective space":** The account of an entity created in Carrefour Lobby Québec that contains the information relating to it as well as the natural persons who are members thereof.

7° **"Professional space":** The account of a natural person created in Carrefour Lobby Québec that contains the information relating to them and the collective spaces that they have joined.

8° **"Entity record":** The public record of an entity, comprising:

i) the entity's identification information required under section 9, paragraph 1°, or section 10, paragraphs 1° and 5°, of the Act and the Québec business number;

ii) corporate information required under section 10, paragraphs 2° to 4° and 6°, of the Act;

iii) the list of lobbyists who carry out lobbying activities within the entity or on its behalf;

iv) any other information that the entity consents to make public; and

v) any updates to this information.

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In the event that no entity record has been created in accordance with the first paragraph, for any enterprise or organization that is a client of a consultant lobbyist, the entity record shall consist of the information published pursuant to section 9, paragraphs 2° to 5°, of the Act in the active mandate records relating to that enterprise or organization, or, in the absence thereof, in the most recent mandate record published. The information contained in this record is superseded, where applicable, by that referred to in the first paragraph. No entity record is created where a natural person is a client of a consultant lobbyist.

9° **"Lobbyist record":** The public record of a lobbyist, comprising:

i) the information required under paragraphs 1° and 11° of sections 9 and 10 of the Act;

ii) the list of collective spaces they have joined and for which they have been attached to a published mandate, as well as the list of clients they have represented;

iii) any other information that they consent to make public; and

iv) any updates to that information.

10° **"Mandate record":** A public record disclosing a mandate for lobbying activities carried out by one or several lobbyists, comprising:

i) the information required under section 9, paragraphs 2° to 10°, or section 10, paragraphs 7° to 10°, of the Act;

ii) any other information that the declarant consents to make public; and

iii) any updates to such information.

11° **"Act":** Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act (chapter T-11.011).

12° **"Update":** Any change made to information referred to in sections 9 or 10 of the Act contained in a published record, constituting a notice of change within the meaning of section 15 of the Act. Any change made to published information that is not referred to in sections 9 or 10 of the Act constitutes an inscremental update. The term "update," as used for the purposes of these terms and conditions, includes any such inscremental update.

13° **"Period":** The period covered by the lobbying activities carried out pursuant to section 9, paragraph 7°, or to section 10, paragraph 8°, of the Act.

14° **"Role":** The rights and privileges of a natural person as a member of a collective space.

DIVISION 2
CARREFOUR LOBBY QUÉBEC

2.1 The registry of lobbyists is implemented through Carrefour Lobby Québec.

2.2 Any return or update provided for in the Act must be filed in Carrefour Lobby Québec by electronic means.

2.3 The creation of a professional space and a collective space, the filing of a return or an update and the consultation of Carrefour Lobby Québec are free.

2.4 Only a senior officer of an enterprise or a group, or a member of its collective space authorized by that officer, may publish or submit a record on behalf of the entity.

Only a consultant lobbyist or a member of their collective space authorized by that lobbyist, may publish or submit a record on their behalf.

2.5 Upon publication or submission of a record, the declarant must certify the accuracy of the information contained therein, in accordance with section 18 of the Act.

2.6 The initial return of a lobbyist is filed by the publication of the first mandate record to which the lobbyist is attached. An update is filed by the publication of any record.

2.7 Upon publication of a record, the exact date, hour, and minute of its filing are assigned to it.

When a record is subject to prior verification by the Commissioner, it is filed with Carrefour Lobby Québec only at the time of its publication; however, the exact date, hour, and minute of its filing are deemed to be the date and time of its submission.

2.8 The Commissioner may make available, in accordance with applicable laws in the matter, public data disseminated in Carrefour Lobby Québec, in the form of open data files or otherwise.

2.9 Certain information cannot be modified by the declarant after the creation of the collective space or professional space. However, the declarant may request that the Commissioner, under conditions determined by the latter, update such information.

2.10 Any information contained in a record must comply with the Terms of Use.

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Without limitation, the information provided must not be misleading, offensive, threatening, defamatory, discriminatory, hateful or harassing, nor invite violence or the commission of a crime, or infringe upon privacy.

DIVISION 3
CREATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SPACE

3.1 A professional space must be created in Carrefour Lobby Québec for any natural person involved in the performance or disclosure of lobbying activities or in the management of a collective space.

3.2 The creation of a professional space entails the provision of the required information, including that which is necessary for identity verification.

3.3 The creation of a professional space must be validated by the Commissioner.

3.4 A natural person may have only one professional space in Carrefour Lobby Québec.

DIVISION 4
CREATION OF A COLLECTIVE SPACE

4.1 Every entity must have a collective space in Carrefour Lobby Québec.

4.2 An entity may have only one collective space in Carrefour Lobby Québec.

4.3 The creation of a collective space is subjected to the provision of the information required by the Commissioner, including that which is necessary for the verification of the entity.

4.4 Every natural person who has been expressly authorized may create a collective space.

4.5 Every natural person must have a professional space in order to create a collective space or become a member thereof.

4.6 The Québec business number assigned by the Registraire des entreprises du Québec must be used for the purpose of creating a collective space and identifying a client in a mandate.

In the absence of a Québec business number, all information required by the Commissioner must be provided.

4.7 The creation of a collective space must be validated by the Commissioner.

4.8 The entity record, including the information referred to in section 1.1, paragraph 8°, subparagraphs i) and ii), of the present manner for keeping the registry, must be published in order for the submission and publication functionalities of a mandate record to be activated.

DIVISION 5
BECOMING A MEMBER OF ONE OR MORE COLLECTIVE SPACES

5.1 Every natural person involved in the performance or the disclosure of lobbying activities, or in the management of a collective space, must become a member of that collective space.

When disclosing lobbying activities carried out on behalf of a client, the consultant lobbyist must be a member of the collective space of their firm and not that of the client.

5.2 Every natural person may become a member of several collective spaces and carry out various roles within them.

5.3 The senior officer of the enterprise or group shall delegate to any person assigned the role of enterprise or organization lobbyist the responsibility for publishing, on their behalf, the information concerning the lobbyist provided for in section 10, paragraphs 1° and 11°, of the Act.

The consultant lobbyist shall delegate to the senior officer of the firm or their representative the responsibility for the publication, on their behalf, of the information concerning their firm referred to in section 9, paragraph 1°, of the Act.

DIVISION 6
DRAFTING A MANDATE

6.1 Every natural person who is a member of a collective space may write a draft.

6.2 In order to publish or submit a mandate record, the declarant must attach the enterprise or organization lobbyists from their entity who will be engaged in lobbying activities within the scope of the mandate. In the case of a consultant lobbyist, they must attach themselves.

6.3 A lobbyist may only be attached to a mandate once they have entered the information required under sections 9 or 10, paragraph 11°, of the Act in their professional space.

6.4 The end of the stated period for a mandate may not exceed one year from the date of publication of the mandate record. It may be extended by updating it at any time, provided that the extension does not exceed one year from the publication of such update.

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Several non-concurrent periods may be declared for the same lobbyist in the same mandate.

DIVISION 7
CONFIDENTIALITY

7.1 The Commissioner does not have access, except upon request and with the express permission of an authorized person, and with the exception of information necessary for the administration of Carrefour Lobby Québec and the implementation of the Act, to information:

1° contained in the spaces and which has not been disclosed publicly;

2° exchanged using an artificial intelligence functionality available in Carrefour Lobby Québec and which has not been disclosed publicly.

DIVISION 8
PUBLICATION AND PRIOR VERIFICATION

8.1 The publication of a record is subject to prior verification by the Commissioner when a request for a confidentiality measure is submitted to them or for any exceptional reason determined by the Commissioner.

8.2 The entity record referred to in the first paragraph of section 1.1(8°) of the present manner for keeping the registryis made public as follows:

1° Identification information (section 1.1 (8°) i) of the present manner for keeping the registry) is made public once the collective space has been validated by Lobbyisme Québec, and any updates to this information is made public via the collective space;

2° Corporate information (section 1.1 (8°) ii) of the present manner for keeping the registry) is made public via the collective space;

3° Information concerning attached lobbyists and mandates (section 1.1 (8°) iii) and iv) of the present manner for keeping the registry) is made public upon the publication of a mandate record.

8.3 The entity record referred to in the second paragraph of section 1.1 (8°) of the present manner for keeping the registry is made public upon the publication of a mandate record in which the enterprise or organization is identified as a client of a consultant lobbyist. It is withdrawn if no mandate concerning that client has been active for more than five years.

8.4 The mandate record is made public from the collective space of the entity.

8.5 The lobbyist record is made public from the professional space of the lobbyist once it has been attached to an initial mandate record. Any updates thereto are made public from the professional space of the lobbyist.

DIVISION 9
OTHER FUNCTIONALITIES

Subdivision 9.1
Status of lobbying activities

9.1.1 Where this functionality is available, the declarant shall indicate the status of lobbying activities carried out in relation to certain public office holders.

Subdivision 9.2
Artificial intelligence functionalities

9.2.1 The Commissioner may make artificial intelligence functionalities available in Carrefour Lobby Québec. The Commissioner shall include a statement to that effect.

9.2.2 Only authorized persons may use these functionalities.

9.2.3 The declarant must validate all information generated using an artificial intelligence functionality.

9.2.4 Any natural person must personally authorize the recording of their voice, where applicable.

DIVISION 10
RENEWAL

10.1 The declarant must renew the registration of a lobbyist attached to an active mandate in accordance with section 16 of the Act by certifying that the records are accurate and up to date.

10.2 The Commissioner may suspend certain submission and publication functionalities when a registration is not renewed. A note indicating that a registration has not been renewed will be posted in Carrefour Lobby Québec until the matter is rectified.

DIVISION 11
TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL MANNER

11.1 The Commissioner may require any declarant to provide the necessary information in order to link a return published in the registry of lobbyists before 13 October 2022 to Carrefour Lobby Québec.

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11.2 The present manner for keeping the registry replace those specified in the Manner for keeping the registry of lobbyists (chapter T-11.011, r. 2.1).

11.3 The present manner shall come into force on the fifteenth day following their publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. On that date, the information contained in the declaration referred to in section 1.1 of the Manner for keeping the registry of lobbyists (chapter T-11.011, r. 2.1) shall be automatically entered into the records.

Only the identification information for the last active mandate will be entered into the entity record.

11.4 The Commissioner may, for administrative reasons relating to the operations, launch or maintenance of Carrefour Lobby Québec, temporarily suspend the application of the present manner by publishing prior notice in Carrefour Lobby Québec and on its website.

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Draft Regulation

Act respecting hunting and fishing rights in the James Bay and New Québec territories
(chapter D-13.1)

2026-2027 upper limit of kill for moose

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the draft Regulation respecting the 2025-2026 upper limit of kill for moose, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation gives effect to the 10 and 11 December 2025 decision of the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Coordinating Committee establishing the upper limit of kill for moose allocated to the Native people and non-Natives in Area 17. The draft Regulation limits to not more than 104 the number of moose that may be harvested in that area for the period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Daniel Couture, analyst, hunting and trapping regulations, Bureau de stratégie législative et réglementaire, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, 880, chemin Sainte-Foy, 2e étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 4X4; telephone: 418 627-8691, extension 707277; email: dal@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Maude Durand, directrice, Bureau de stratégie législative et réglementaire, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, 675, boulevard René Lévesque Est, 29e étage, Québec (Québec), G1R 5V7; email: dal@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

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Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks

Regulation respecting the 2026-2027 upper limit of kill for moose

Act respecting hunting and fishing rights in the James Bay and New Québec territories
(chapter D-13.1, s. 78, 1st par., subpar. *f*, and 3rd par).

1. The upper limit of kill for moose allocated to the Native people and non-Natives in Area 17 determined by the Regulation respecting fishing and hunting areas (chapter C-61.1, r. 34) is 104 moose for the period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

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

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances
— 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 a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation reviews certain operating parameters of the cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances.

The draft Regulation provides in particular for the gradual reduction of the overall limit of the use of offset credits to cover greenhouse gas emissions and the requirement that at least part of the offset credits so used be credits issued by Québec.

The draft Regulation also amends compliance periods, global warming potential values and rules pertaining to the disclosure of the business relationships of emitters and participants.

In addition, the draft Regulation makes various amendments concerning the allocation without charge of emission units and the coverage of greenhouse gas emissions. In that regard, the draft Regulation makes changes, among other things, to the GHG emissions coverage requirement relating to the production of electricity acquired from a US state where producers are subject to a system established by an entity that is not a partner entity and are already covered under that system, as well as adjusts the activities that are eligible for the allocation without charge of emission units in order to take those amendments into account.

Lastly, amendments are proposed with respect to projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduction-related research and development projects that are eligible for the payment of sums collected during an auction and reserved in the emitter's name, both with regard to the terms and conditions for the eligibility of projects and those for reporting, the payment of sums and the eligibility of associated expenses.

The proposed amendments should increase the value of offset credits issued by Québec as well as favour project profitability and investments in new projects. The amendments will also impact the applicable administrative formalities, which will generate approximately $2,770 in additional costs for emitters, who can equally expect to benefit from some $743,000 in savings, for a total of $740,230 in estimated cost reductions.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Kim Ricard, director, Direction du marché du carbone, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, édifice Marie-Guyart, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 10e étage, boîte 30, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; email: kim.ricard@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

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

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Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 46.1, 1st par., s. 46.6, 1st par., s. 46.8, subpar. 1, s. 46.8.1, 1st and 3rd pars., s. 46.10 and s. 46.15, pars. 1, 1.1. and 4).

1. Section 2 of the Regulation respecting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances (chapter Q-2, r. 46.1) is amended in the second paragraph,

(1) by replacing "200 litres or more" in subparagraph 2 by "more than 200 litres";

(2) by inserting "and the CO_2 emissions captured, stored, eliminated, re-used or transferred out of the establishment" at the end of subparagraph 3.

2. Section 3 of the Regulation is amended

(1) by replacing paragraph 7 by the following:

"(7) "verified emissions" means the greenhouse gas emissions mentioned in a verification report and, where applicable, in a notice of correction, in accordance with the Regulation respecting mandatory reporting of certain emissions of contaminants into the atmosphere, in metric tonnes CO_2 equivalent or determined by the Minister in accordance with section 6.11 of that Regulation, excluding

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(*a*) CO_2 emissions attributable to the combustion or use of biomethane;

(*b*) CO_2 emissions captured, stored, eliminated, re-used or transferred out of the establishment;

(*c*) GHG emissions relating to the production of electricity acquired from a US state where producers are subject to a system established by an entity that is not a partner entity and are covered under that system, calculated using the following equation:

$$GHG_i = E_i^{Non-WCI} \times \left[min\left(1; \frac{P_i^{Non-WCI}}{P_i^{WCI}}\right)\right]$$

Where:

GHG_i = GHG emissions for year *i* relating to the production of electricity covered under another cap-and-trade system;

i = Each year as of 2024;

$E_i^{Non-WCI}$ = Annual GHG emissions for year *i* relating to the production of electricity acquired from a US state where producers are subject to a system established by an entity that is not a partner entity, in metric tonnes CO_2 equivalent;

min = Minimum value, representing the lesser of the 2 elements calculated;

$P_i^{Non-WCI}$ = Weighted average sale price of emission allowances of year *i* sold at an auction held during year *i* by US states where a system covering in particular electricity production was established by an entity that is not a partner entity, in US dollars per metric tonne CO_2 equivalent;

Pi^{WCI} = Weighted average sale price of emission allowances of the current or prior vintage years sold at an auction held during year *i* by Québec or by US states where a system covering in particular electricity production was established by a partner entity, in US dollars per metric tonne CO_2 equivalent";

(2) by replacing subparagraph *d* of paragraph 9.1 by the following:

"(*d*) reported, for one of the first 2 years of operations, in accordance with section 6.2 of the Regulation respecting mandatory reporting of certain emissions of contaminants into the atmosphere, a quantity equal to or greater than 25,000 metric tonnes CO_2 equivalent excluding the emissions referred to in the second paragraph of section 6.6 of that Regulation or, pursuant to subparagraph 3.0.1 of the third paragraph of section 19 or the second paragraph of section 19.0.1, the person operating the establishment has covered the emissions from its first year of operation;";

(3) by inserting ", of 2 calendar years as of 1 January 2027, and, alternately, of 3 calendar years and 2 calendar years as of 1 January 2031" at the end of paragraph 12.

3. Section 7.1 is amended by replacing "September" in the second paragraph by "October".

4. Section 9 is amended

(1) by adding the following after subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph:

"(5) in the case of an investment fund,

(*a*) a copy of its articles of constitution;

(*b*) a copy of the offering memorandum or prospectus, as the case may be, filed with the competent securities authority, that identifies the authority or, where applicable, a statement according to which the fund is exempt from the obligation to file such a prospectus;

(*c*) the name of the manager of the fund or any person holding a similar office;

(*d*) the names of all fund portfolio managers or any persons holding a similar office;

(*e*) the names of the investors holding more than 10% of the shares of the fund; and

(*f*) the names of all persons taking part in the decisions concerning the management of the fund.";

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

"(5) "related entity" means any emitter or participant which, with regard to another emitter or participant, as the case may be,

(*a*) has a business relationship within the meaning of subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph that involves a percentage of over 50%;

(*b*) is a subsidiary or has control of the other emitter or participant;

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(*c*) belongs to the same group;

(*d*) employs the same person as account representative or account viewing agent, regardless of the office that person holds for one or the other of the emitters or participants;

(*e*) retains the services or is under the responsibility of a same fund manager or a person that holds a similar office; or

(*f*) has a fund manager or a person that holds a similar office that was designated by the same person who designated a fund manager or a person that holds a similar office to that of the other emitter or participant.”

(3) by adding the following at the end:

“For the purposes of subparagraph 5 of the second paragraph, 2 emitters that share a related entity are also considered entities related to each other.”.

5. Section 9.1 is amended by inserting “, a written undertaking from the advisor that prohibits the advisor from disclosing to a third person any information on the mandate or from using the information to coordinate or guide the activities on the market of other persons or emitters” before “and, where applicable,” in the first paragraph.

6. Section 10 is amended by adding “and those set out in the electronic system user contract” after “Regulation” in subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 7 of the first paragraph.

7. Section 18 is amended by replacing “that is permanently closing a covered establishment” in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by “that operates only 1 covered establishment and that is permanently closing that establishment”.

8. Section 19 is amended

(1) by replacing “September” in the sixth paragraph by “October”;

(2) by replacing the seventh paragraph by the following:

“An emitter that sends the notice provided for under the sixth paragraph has, for a maximum period of 5 consecutive years as of 1 January following the end of its coverage requirement under the first paragraph, the same rights and obligations as an emitter referred to in section 2. An emitter that wishes to cease covering the emissions of its establishment that the emitter is required to cover pursuant to the sixth paragraph must send the Minister a notice indicating that intention not later than 1 October. The emitter then ceases to have the same rights and obligations as an emitter referred to in section 2 as of 1 January of the following year.

Despite the first paragraph, when the emissions reported for an establishment are zero and the emitter operating that establishment sends the Minister not later than 1 September a notice indicating its intention to cease to be required to cover those emissions, the emitter ceases to be required to cover the emissions concerned as of 1 January following the sending of the notice.

Despite subparagraph 3.0.1 of the third paragraph, where the emitter who has demonstrated that the emissions of an establishment will be equal to or exceed 25,000 metric tonnes CO_2 equivalent is of the opinion that the emissions of the establishment will not reach that threshold during the year for which the demonstration was made and the emitter sends the Minister, not later than 1 October of the year preceding the year for which the demonstration was made, a notice informing the Minister of its intention to cease to be required to cover those emissions, the emitter ceases to be required to cover the emissions as of 1 January following the sending of the notice.”.

9. Section 19.0.1 is amended

(1) by replacing, respectively, “the last year of the compliance period” and “1 September of that last” in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by “the year” and “1 October of that”;

(2) by replacing “September” in the third paragraph by “October”;

(3) by striking out the fifth paragraph.

10. Section 20 is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

“In addition, the total quantity of offset credits that the emitter may use to cover the GHG emissions of a covered establishment cannot exceed

(1) 8% of the GHG emissions to be covered for the compliance period starting on 1 January 2024; and

(2) 6% of the GHG emissions to be covered for the compliance period starting on 1 January 2027 and for the following compliance periods.

For the compliance period starting on 1 January 2027, at least 1% of the offset credits used to cover the GHG emissions of a covered establishment must have been issued by the Minister. For the compliance

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period starting on 1 January 2029 and for the following compliance periods, at least 2% of the offset credits used to cover the GHG emissions of a covered establishment must have been issued by the Minister.".

11. Section 23.1 is amended

(1) by replacing subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph by the following:

"(2) the offset credits used, combined with the offset credits already deducted for the compliance period during which the correction is recorded, must not exceed

(*a*) 8% of the GHG emissions to be covered for the compliance period starting on 1 January 2024; and

(*b*) 6% of the GHG emissions to be covered for the compliance period starting on 1 January 2027 and for the following compliance periods.";

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

"For the compliance period starting on 1 January 2027, at least 1% of the offset credits used to cover the GHG emissions of a covered establishment must have been issued by the Minister. For the compliance period starting on 1 January 2029 and for the following compliance periods, at least 2% of the offset credits used to cover the GHG emissions of a covered establishment must have been issued by the Minister.".

12. Section 39 is amended by inserting "subparagraph 3 of the second paragraph of section 2 or" before "the second paragraph" in the second paragraph.

13. Section 40 is amended by replacing ""$FFP_{i-2,j}$"" in subparagraph 2 of the sixth paragraph by ""$FFP_{i-2,j}$"".

14. Section 40.1 is amended by inserting "or the data used in equation 19-3, 19-3.1 or 19-3.2 in Part II of Appendix C" after "used" in the second paragraph.

15. Section 41.1 is amended by replacing "1 August of the year following the year concerned by the allocation without charge" in the second paragraph by "15 August of the year following the end of the compliance period".

16. Section 53 is amended by replacing "first" in the fourth paragraph by "second".

17. Section 54.1 is amended

(1) by inserting the following after subparagraph 3 of the second paragraph:

"For the purposes of the first and second paragraphs, when the covered establishment of an emitter that has signed an agreement with the Minister for the implementation by the emitter of a project referred to in Part III of Appendix C changes operators and the new operator also signs such an agreement with the Minister, the emission units allocated without charge for that establishment are considered to have been allocated to the new operator if the agreement with the new operator is signed not later than the business day immediately prior to the date of the auction and the former operator informed the Minister of the change pursuant to the first paragraph of section 17 in that time limit.";

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

"When all the covered establishments of an emitter that has signed an agreement with the Minister for the implementation by the emitter of a project referred to in Part III of Appendix C change operators and the new operator also signs such an agreement with the Minister, the sums determined pursuant to the first paragraph that have not yet been paid to the former operator are reserved in the name of the new operator for the time remaining in the period provided for in the third paragraph and may be paid to the latter according to the conditions set out in that paragraph. The new operator is subject, in accordance with the third paragraph of section 17, to all the obligations of the former operator concerning the project implemented pursuant to Part III of Appendix C.

When the operator of a covered establishment that has signed an agreement with the Minister for the implementation by the operator of a project referred to in Part III of Appendix C permanently closes all its establishments, the sums determined pursuant to the first and second paragraphs that have been paid into the Electrification and Climate Change Fund in order to be reserved in the operator's name in accordance with the third paragraph cease to be reserved in operator's name.".

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18. Table A of Part I of Appendix C is replaced by the following:

"**Table A Activities eligible for the allocation without charge of greenhouse gas emission units**

Activities	6-digit NAICS* code beginning with
Mining and quarrying (except oil and natural gas extraction)	212
Electric power generation sold under a contract signed prior to 1 January 2008, that has not been renewed or extended after that date, in which the sale price is fixed for the duration of the contract, with no possibility of adjusting the price to take into account the costs relating to the implementation of a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances	2211
Steam and air-conditioning supply for industrial purposes	22133
Manufacturing	31, 32 or 33

* The numbers indicated for each category of industrial or commercial activity mentioned in Appendices A and C correspond to the codes assigned by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The description of each category of activity found in the document "North American Industry Classification System, Canada 2007" published by Statistics Canada (Catalogue no. 12-501-XIE2007001, 2007, ISBN 0-662-44519-8) applies for the purposes of this Regulation.".

19. Table B of Part I of Appendix C is amended

(1) by adding "Metric tonne of slaughtered pork" after "Metric tonne of pork products finished at the slaughterhouse after cutting and boning" under the "Reference unit" column in the line corresponding to the "Agrifood" establishment activity sector and the "Animal slaughtering" activity type.

(2) by inserting the following after the last line corresponding to the "Aluminum" establishment activity sector:

"

Aluminum	Production of aluminum alloys	Metric tonnes of cast aluminum

";

(3) by inserting the following after the last line corresponding to the "Other[2]" establishment activity sector:

"

Other[2]	Manufacturing of synthetic olivine sands	Metric tonnes of synthetic olivine sands

";

(4) by inserting the following after the last line corresponding to the "Chemical" establishment activity sector:

"

Chemical	Production of titanium tetrachloride ($TiCl_4$) and titanium oxychloride ($TiOCl_2$)	Metric tonnes of $TiCl_4$ and $TiOCl_2$

";

(5) by inserting the following after the last line corresponding to the "Metallurgy" establishment activity sector:

"

Metallurgy	Manufacturing of cast iron pipes and fittings	Metric tonnes of loaded metal

";

(6) by inserting the following after the last line corresponding to the "Mining and pelletization" establishment activity sector:

"

Mining and pelletization	Ferroniobium production	Metric tonnes of ferroniobium

".

20. Division A of Part II of Appendix C is amended

(1) by replacing "old GWP values" in paragraph 0.1 by "2020 GWP values";

(2) by replacing "for 2019 to 2023" in paragraph 5 by "for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 or 2023";

(3) by replacing "new GWP values" in paragraph 6 by "2021 GWP values";

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(4) by inserting the following after paragraph 6:

"(6.1) "2027 GWP values": global warming potential values provided for in Schedule A.1 to the Regulation respecting mandatory reporting of certain emissions of contaminants into the atmosphere in force on 1 January 2027;".

21. Division D of Part II of Appendix C is amended

(1) by inserting "and whose registration has not been interrupted or was interrupted for a period of less than 3 years" after "2023" in subparagraph 1 of the eighth paragraph;

(2) by adding the following at the end of subdivision 6.5.3:

"(3) for the years 2024 to 2030, the quantity of GHG emission units allocated without charge to an emitter for the production of a new reference unit by one of its covered establishments must be calculated

(*a*) in the case of an establishment that is not considered on a sectoral basis, for the period during which the GHG emissions data for years *d* to *d*+2, or *d*+1 to *d*+3 where *d* is the first year of production of the new reference unit, are not all available, using equations 18-1 and 24-7;

(*b*) in the case of an establishment that is not considered on a sectoral basis, for the period during which the GHG emissions data for years *d* to *d*+2, or *d*+1 to *d*+3 where *d* is the first year of production of the new reference unit, are all available, using equations 18-1 and 24-1.";

(3) in Equation 8-1 of Division 8,

(*a*) by replacing "8-2, 8-8 or equation 8-11" in the definition of "$I_{FP\ stan\ j}$" by "8-2 or 8-8";

(*b*) by replacing "8-4, 8-9 or 8-13" in the definition of "$I_{C\ stan\ j}$" by "8-4 or 8-9";

(*c*) by replacing "8-6, 8-10 or 8-17" in the definition of "$I_{O\ stan\ j}$" by "8-6 or 8-10";

(4) by replacing the words "new GWP values" wherever they appear in Equation 8-1.1 of Division 8 by "2021 GWP values";

(5) by replacing "old GWP values" in the definition of "$I_{FP2020\ j}$" in Equation 8-2 of subdivision 8.1 by "2020 GWP values";

(6) in Equation 8-3 of subdivision 8.1,

(*a*) by replacing "old GWP values" in the definition of "$GHG_{FP\ j}$" by "2020 GWP values";

(*b*) by replacing, respectively, wherever they appear, the words "new GWP values" by "2021 GWP values", "new GWP" by "2021 GWP" and "old GWP" by "2020 GWP";

(7) by replacing "old GWP values" in the definition of "$I_{c2020\ j}$" in Equation 8-4 of subdivision 8.1 by "2020 GWP values";

(8) in Equation 8-5 of subdivision 8.1,

(*a*) by replacing "old GWP values" in the definition of "GHG_{cj}" by "2020 GWP values";

(*b*) by replacing, respectively, wherever they appear, the words "new GWP values" by "2021 GWP values", "new GWP" by "2021 GWP" and "old GWP" by "2020 GWP";

(9) by replacing "old GWP values" in the definition of "$I_{O2020\ j}$" in Equation 8-6 of subdivision 8.1 by "2020 GWP values";

(10) in Equation 8-7 of subdivision 8.1,

(*a*) by replacing "old GWP values" in the definition of "$GHG_{O\ j}$" by "2020 GWP values";

(*b*) by replacing, respectively, wherever they appear, the words "new GWP values" by "2021 GWP values", "new GWP" by "2021 GWP" and "old GWP" by "2020 GWP";

(11) by replacing "new GWP values" in the definition of "$I_{FP\ dep\ j}$" in Equation 8-8 of subdivision 8.2 by "2021 GWP values";

(12) by replacing "new GWP values" in the definition of "$I_{C\ dep\ j}$" in Equation 8-9 of subdivision 8.2 by "2021 GWP values";

(13) by replacing "new GWP values" in the definition of "$I_{O\ dep\ j}$" in Equation 8-10 of subdivision 8.2 by "2021 GWP values";

(14) by replacing "and 2" in the definition of "$I_{(S)\ i,j}$" in Equation 9-1 of Division 9 by "to 3";

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(15) by adding the following at the end of Table 1 in subdivision 9.1:

“

2024	1.771	0.3125
2025	1.764	0.3171
2026	1.757	0.3212
2027	1.731	0.3248
2028	1.726	0.3281
2029	1.722	0.3311
2030	1.718	0.3338

”;

(16) by adding the following at the end of Table 2 in subdivision 9.2:

“

2024	0.7718
2025	0.7715
2026	0.7713
2027	0.7710
2028	0.7708
2029	0.7706
2030	0.7704

”;

(17) by adding the following at the end of Table 3 in subdivision 9.3:

“

2024	1.085	N/A
2025	1.087	N/A
2026	1.089	N/A
2027	1.091	N/A
2028	1.093	N/A
2029	1.094	N/A
2030	1.095	N/A

”;

(18) in Equation 10-1 of Division 10,

(*a*) by inserting “using 2021 GWP values,” after “10-2,” in the definition of “$I_{FP\ dep\ j}$”;

(*b*) by inserting “using 2021 GWP values,” after “10-3,” in the definition of “$I_{C\ dep\ j}$”;

(*c*) by inserting “using 2021 GWP values,” after “10-4,” in the definition of “$I_{O\ dep\ j}$”;

(19) in Equation 11-1 of Division 11,

(*a*) by inserting “using 2021 GWP values,” after “11-2,” in the definition of “$I_{FP\ dep\ j}$”;

(*b*) by inserting “using 2021 GWP values,” after “11-3,” in the definition of“$I_{C\ dep\ j}$”;

(*c*) by inserting “using 2021 GWP values,” after “11-4,” in the definition of“$I_{O\ dep\ j}$”;

(20) in Equation 13-1 of Division 13,

(*a*) by inserting “using 2021 GWP values,” after “13-2,” in the definition of“$I_{FP\ dep\ j}$”;

(*b*) by inserting “using 2021 GWP values,” after “13-3,” in the definition of“$I_{C\ dep\ j}$”;

(*c*) by inserting “using 2021 GWP values,” after “13-4,” in the definition of“$I_{O\ dep\ j}$”;

(21) in Equation 14-1 of Division 14,

(*a*) by inserting “using 2021 GWP values,” after “14-2,” in the definition of“$I_{FP\ dep\ j}$”;

(*b*) by inserting “using 2021 GWP values,” after “14-3,” in the definition of“$I_{C\ dep\ j}$”;

(*c*) by inserting “using 2021 GWP values,” after “14-4,” in the definition of“$I_{O\ dep\ j}$”;

(22) in Table 7 of Division 17,

(*a*) by adding the following under the “Reference unit”, “Assistance factor” and “Risk level” columns at the end of the “Agrifood” sector:

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“

	Metric tonne of slaughtered pork	0.90	Level 1

”;

(*b*) by adding the following under the “Reference unit”, “Assistance factor” and “Risk level” columns at the end of the “Aluminum” sector:

“

	Metric tonne of cast aluminum	1.00	Level 1

”;

(*c*) by adding the following under the “Reference unit”, “Assistance factor” and “Risk level” columns at the end of the “Other” sector:

“

	Metric tonne of synthetic olivine sands	1.00	Level 2

”;

(*d*) by adding the following under the “Reference unit”, “Assistance factor” and “Risk level” columns at the end of the “Chemical” sector:

“

	Metric tonne of $TiCl_4$ and $TiOCl_2$	1.00	Level 4

”;

(*e*) by adding the following under the “Reference unit”, “Assistance factor” and “Risk level” columns at the end of the “Metallurgy” sector:

“

	Metric tonne of loaded metal	0.95	Level 1

”;

(*f*) by adding the following under the “Reference unit”, “Assistance factor” and “Risk level” columns at the end of the “Mining and pelletization” sector:

“

	Metric tonne of ferroniobium	0.90	Level 1

”;

(23) by replacing “19-2” in the definition of “$I_{i,j}$” in Equation 19-1 of subdivision 19.1 by “19-2.1 for year 2027 or using equation 19-2 for the other years”;

(24) in Equation 19-2 of subdivision 19.1,

(*a*) by replacing the title by the following:

“**Calculation of the target intensity by type of activity for an establishment other than a newly operational establishment that is not considered on a sectoral basis for the years 2024 to 2026 and 2028 to 2030**”;

(*b*) by replacing “or using equation 19-2 for subsequent years” in the definition of “$I_{i-1,j}$” by “, using equation 19-2.1 for year 2027 or using equation 19-2 for the other years”;

(*c*) by replacing “2024-2030” in the definition of “i” by “2024 to 2026 and 2028 to 2030”;

(*d*) by inserting “using 2021 GWP values until 2026 and 2027 GWP values as of year 2028,” after “in other cases,” in the definition of “$I_{A,j}$”;

(25) by inserting the following after Equation 19-2 in subdivision 19.1:

“**Equation 19-2.1 Calculation of the target intensity by type of activity for an establishment other than a newly operational establishment that is not considered on a sectoral basis for the year 2027**

$$I_{2027,j} = 0.6561 \times C_j \times I_{2023,j} + 0.3439 \times I_{A,j}$$

Where:

$I_{2027,j}$ = Target intensity for GHG emissions attributable to type of activity *j* at the establishment for year 2027, in metric tonnes CO_2 equivalent per reference unit;

j = Type of activity;

0.6561 = Proportion corresponding to 65.61% of the target intensity for year 2023;

C_j = Correction factor for the intensity of the emissions for type of activity *j*, calculated using equation 19-19;

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$I_{2023,j}$ = Target intensity for GHG emissions attributable to type of activity *j* at the establishment for year 2023, in metric tonnes CO_2 equivalent per reference unit, calculated using equations 19-8 to 19-18 for year 2023;

0.3439 = Proportion corresponding to 34.39% of the average actual intensity at the establishment;

$I_{A\ j}$ = Average actual intensity of GHG emissions attributable to type of activity *j* at the establishment calculated using equation 19-3 if the data for the period 2017-2019 are all available and if operations did not start during that period, or using equation 19-3.1 or 19-3.2 in other cases, using 2027 GWP values, in metric tonnes CO_2 equivalent per reference unit.";

(26) by striking out ", using the new GWP values for the calculation" in the definition of "$GHG_{i,j}$" in Equation 19-3 of subdivision 19.1;

(27) by striking out ", calculated using the new GWP values" in the definition of "$GHG_{i,j}$" in Equation 19-3.1 of subdivision 19.1;

(28) by striking out ", calculated using the new GWP values" in the definition of "$GHG_{i,j}$" in Equation 19-3.2 of subdivision 19.1;

(29) in Equation 19-5 of subdivision 19.1,

(*a*) by adding "*;* $I_{i,j} \times (AF_{i,j} - MEE_i)$" after "$I_{max\ j} \times AF_{i,j}$";

(*b*) by replacing "2" in the definition of "min" by "3";

(*c*) by replacing "19-2" in the definition of "$I_{i,j}$" by "19-2.1 for year 2027 or using equation 19-2 for the other years";

(*d*) by adding the following after the definition of "$I_{max\ j}$":

"MEE_i = Minimal expected effort for year *i*, calculated using equation 19-4.";

(30) in Equation 19-8 of subdivision 19.2,

(*a*) by replacing "8-2, 8-8 and 8-11" in the definition of "$I_{FP\ stan\ j}$" by "8-2 and 8-8";

(*b*) by replacing "8-4, 8-9 and 8-13" in the definition of "$I_{C\ stan\ j}$" by "8-4 and 8-9";

(*c*) by replacing "8-6, 8-10 and 8-17" in the definition of "$I_{O\ stan\ j}$" by "8-6 and 8-10";

(31) in Equation 19-12 of subdivision 19.2,

(*a*) by replacing "11-2" in the definition of "$I_{FP\ dep\ j}$" by "14-2";

(*b*) by replacing "11-3" in the definition of "$I_{C\ dep\ j}$" by "14-3";

(*c*) by replacing "11-4" in the definition of "$I_{O\ dep\ j}$" by "14-4";

(32) by inserting the following after Equation 19-18 of subdivision 19.2:

"**Equation 19-19 Calculation of the correction factor of emissions per type of activity to take into account the 2027 GWP values**

$$C_j = \frac{\sum_{i=2021}^{2023} GHG_{i,j\ 2027}}{\sum_{i=2021}^{2023} GHG_{i,j\ 2021}}$$

Where:

C_j = Correction factor for the intensity of the emissions for type of activity *j*;

i = Years 2021 to 2023;

j = Type of activity;

$GHG_{i,j}$ = GHG emissions attributable to type of activity *j* at the establishment for year i, using 2021 GWP values or 2027 GWP values for the calculation, in metric tonnes CO_2 equivalent.";

(33) in Equation 20-1 of Division 20,

(*a*) by replacing "calculated using equation 20-2" in the definition of "$I_{S\ i,j}$" by "determined using Tables 1, 2 and 3 provided for in subdivisions 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 of this Part";

(*b*) by striking out "or, for year *d* or *e*+1, a value of 0" in the definition of "MEE_i";

(34) by striking out Equations 20-2 and 20-3 in Division 20;

(35) in Equation 20-4 of Division 20,

(*a*) by adding "*;* $I_{S\ i,j} \times (AF_{i,j} - MEE_i)$" after "$I_{S\ 2023,j} \times AF_{i,j}$";

(*b*) by replacing "2" in the definition of "min" by "3";

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(*c*) by replacing "calculated using equation 20-2" in the definition of "$I_{S\ i,j}$" by "determined using Tables 1, 2 and 3 provided for in subdivisions 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 of this Part";

(*d*) by adding the following after the definition of "$I_{S\ 2023,\ j}$":

"MEE_i = Minimal expected effort for year *i*, calculated using equation 19-4.";

(36) by inserting "using 2021 GWP values until 2026 and 2027 GWP values as of year 2027," after "21-2," in the definition of "$I_{dep,j}$" in Equation 21-1 of Division 21;

(37) in Equation 21-3 of Division 21,

(*a*) by replacing "$(AF_{i,j} - CDF_i - EEE_{i,j} - TMF_i)$" in the formula by "$min\ [AF_{i,j} - CDF_i - (K_i \times EEE_{i,j}) - TMF_i;\ AF_{i,j} - MEE_i]$";

(*b*) by inserting "using 2021 GWP values until 2026 and 2027 GWP values as of year 2027," after "21-2," in the definition of "$I_{dep,j}$";

(*c*) by inserting the following after the definition of "e":

"min = Minimum value, representing the lesser of the 2 elements calculated;";

(*d*) by inserting the following after the definition of "CDF_i":

"K_i = Multiplication factor of the extra effort expected for year *i*, having a value of 1 or, for year *d*+1 or *e*+2, a value of 0;";

(*e*) by replacing "years *d* to *d*+1 or *e*+1 to *e*+2" in the definition of "$EEE_{i,j}$" by "year *d* or *e*+1";

(*f*) by adding the following after the definition of "TMF_i":

"MEE_i = Minimal expected effort for year *i*, calculated using equation 19-4 or, for years *d* to *d*+4 or *e*+1 to *e*+5, a value of 0.";

(38) by replacing "*d*+1 or *e*+2" in the definition of "n" in Equation 22-2 of Division 22 by "*d* or *e*+1";

(39) in Equation 22-3 of Division 22,

(*a*) by replacing "$(AF_{i,j} - CDF_i - EEE_{i,j} - TMF_i)$" in the formula by "$min\ [AF_{i,j} - CDF_i - (K_i \times EEE_{i,j}) - TMF_i;\ AF_{i,j} - MEE_i]$";

(*b*) by inserting the following after the definition of "$GHG_{O\ i,\ j}$":

"min = Minimum value, representing the lesser of the 2 elements calculated;";

(*c*) by inserting the following after the definition of "e":

"K_i = Multiplication factor for the extra effort expected for year *i*, having a value of 1 or, for year *d*+1 or *e*+2, a value of 0;";

(*d*) by replacing "years *d* to *d*+1 or *e*+1 to *e*+2" in the definition of "$EEE_{i,j}$" by "year *d* or *e*+1";

(*e*) by adding the following after the definition of "TMF_i":

"MEE_i = Minimal expected effort for year *i*, calculated using equation 19-4 or, for years *d* to *d*+4 or *e*+1 to *e*+5, a value of 0.";

(40) in Equation 23-1 of Division 23,

(*a*) by inserting "using 2021 GWP values until 2026 and 2027 GWP values as of year 2027," after "23-2," in the definition of "$I_{dep,j}$";

(*b*) by striking out "or, for year *d* or *e*+1, a value of 0" at the end of the definition of "MEE_i";

(41) in Equation 23-3 of Division 23,

(*a*) by replacing "$(AF_{i,j} - CDF_i - EEE_{i,j} - TMF_i)$" in the formula by "$min\ [AF_{i,j} - CDF_i - EEE_{i,j} - TMF;\ AF_{i,j} - MEE_i]$";

(*b*) by inserting "using 2021 GWP values until 2026 and 2027 GWP values as of year 2027," after "23-2," in the definition of "$I_{dep,j}$";

(*c*) by inserting the following after the definition of "e":

"min = Minimum value, representing the lesser of the 2 elements calculated;";

(*d*) by striking out "or, for year *d* or *e*+1, a value of 0" in the definition of "CDF_i";

(*e*) by adding the following after the definition of "TMF_i":

"MEE_i = Minimal expected effort for year *i*, calculated using equation 19-4.";

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(42) in Equation 24-1 of Division 24,

(*a*) by inserting "using 2021 GWP values until 2026 and 2027 GWP values as of year 2027," after "24-2," in the definition of "$I_{dep,j}$";

(*b*) by striking out "or, in the case of a covered establishment as of 2024 that is not a newly operational establishment, a value of 0 for year *d* or *d*+1 where *d* is the year in which the establishment became operational, or *e*-1 or *e* where *e*-1 is the year in which the establishment became operational" in the definition of "MEE_i";

(43) by replacing "or *d*+1 where *d* is the year in which the establishment became operational, or *e*-1 or *e* where *e*-1 is the year in which the establishment became operational" in the definition of "n" in Equation 24-3 of Division 24 by "or *e*+1";

(44) in Equation 24-4 of Division 24,

(*a*) by replacing "$(AF_{i,j} – CDF_i – EEE_{i,j} – TMF_j)$" in the formula by "$min\ [AF_{i,j} – CDF_i – EEE_{i,j} – TMF_j; AF_{i,j} – MEE_i]$";

(*b*) by inserting "using 2021 GWP values until 2026 and 2027 GWP values as of year 2027," after "24-2," in the definition of "$I_{dep,j}$";

(*c*) by inserting the following after the definition of "e":

"min = Minimum value, representing the lesser of the 2 elements calculated;";

(*d*) by striking out "or, for year *d* or *d*+1 where *d* is the year in which the establishment became operational, or *e*-1 or *e* where *e*-1 is the year in which the establishment became operational, a value of 0" in the definition of "CDF_i";

(*e*) by replacing "or *d*+1 where *d* is the year in which the establishment became operational, or *e*-1 or *e* where *e*-1 is the year in which the establishment became operational" in the definition of "TMF_i" by "or *e*-1";

(*f*) by adding the following after the definition of "TMF_i":

"MEE_i = Minimal expected effort for year *i*, calculated using equation 24-3.";

(45) by replacing "or *d*+1 where *d* is the year in which the establishment became operational, or *e*-1 or *e* where *e*-1 is the year in which the establishment became operational" in the definition of "n" in Equation 24-5 of Division 24 by "or *e*+1";

(46) by striking out "or, for year *d* or *d*+1 where *d* is the year in which the establishment became operational, or *e*-1 or *e* where *e*-1 is the year in which the establishment became operational, a value of 0" in the definition of "MEE_i" in Equation 24-7 of Division 24;

(47) in Equation 24-8 of Division 24,

(*a*) by replacing "$(AF_{i,j} – CDF_i – EEE_{i,j} – TMF_j)$" in the formula by "$min\ [AF_{i,j} – CDF_i – EEE_{i,j} – TMF_j; AF_{i,j} – MEE_i]$";

(*b*) by inserting the following after the definition of "$GHG_{O\,i,\,j}$":

"min = Minimum value, representing the lesser of the 2 elements calculated;";

(*c*) by striking out "or, for year *d* or *d*+1 where *d* is the year in which the establishment became operational, or *e*-1 or *e* where *e*-1 is the year in which the establishment became operational, a value of 0" in the definition of "CDF_i";

(*d*) by replacing "or *d*+1 where *d* is the year in which the establishment became operational, or *e*-1 or *e* where *e*-1 is the year in which the establishment became operational" in the definition of "$EEE_{i,j}$" by "or *e*+1";

(*e*) by replacing "or *d*+1 where *d* is the year in which the establishment became operational, or *e*-1 or *e* where *e*-1 is the year in which the establishment became operational" in the definition of "TMF_i" by "or *e*+1";

(*f*) by adding the following after the definition of "TMF_i":

"MEE_i = Minimal expected effort for year *i*, calculated using equation 24-3.".

22. Division 2 of Part III of Appendix C is amended

(1) by replacing ", are not employed by and are not part of the same controlling group as those who helped prepare the elements to be validated or verified" in the definition of "third person" by "the development of the project or its implementation and have not performed quantifications of the GHG emissions reductions attributable to the project";

(2) by replacing "one of the 3 parts" in paragraph 1 of the definition "third person qualified to quantify GHG emissions" by "Part 3".

23. Subdivision 3.1 of Part III of Appendix C is amended in the first paragraph

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(1) by replacing "each establishment" in subparagraph 1 by "one or many establishments";

(2) by replacing "each such establishment" in subparagraph 2 by "each establishment concerned".

24. Division 4 of Part III of Appendix C is amended

(1) in subdivision 4.1,

(*a*) by adding "or a negative return on investment" at the end of subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph;

(*b*) by adding the following after subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph:

"(6) where the project provides for the capture of GHG before they are emitted into the atmosphere, it must also provide for the storage, elimination or re-use of those GHG that makes it possible to avoid their emission into the atmosphere at a later date. In the case of GHG storage, it must be carried out in Québec.";

(*c*) by inserting the following after the first paragraph:

"In addition, for a project to be eligible, all of the emitter's covered establishments must have undergone a study of the technical and economic potential for GHG emissions reduction in accordance with the requirements of subdivision 3.3.2 of this Part, produced or updated not later than 5 years before the date of filing of the project, except the establishment referred to in the third paragraph.";

(2) by replacing "10 years" in subparagraph 3 of the second paragraph of subdivision 4.2 by "10 consecutive years";

(3) by replacing the second paragraph in subdivision 4.3.2 by the following:

"Once the project has been completed, the emitter must maintain the GHG emissions reduction measures for a period of 10 consecutive years. During that period, the emitter must file with the Minister, on 1 March each year, a written attestation signed by one of its representatives confirming that the GHG emissions reduction measures are being maintained and that the equipment concerned by the project is functioning adequately.";

(4) in subdivision 4.4,

(*a*) by adding "and continuation of reduction measures" at the end of the title;

(*b*) by adding the following at the end of the subdivision:

"The emitter must maintain the GHG emissions reduction measures for a period of 10 consecutive years.".

25. Subdivision 5.1 of Part III of Appendix C is amended

(1) by adding the following after paragraph 4:

"(5) where the project provides for the storage, elimination or re-use of GHG, that storage, elimination or re-use makes it possible to avoid the emission of those GHG into the atmosphere at a later date.";

(2) by adding the following at the end:

"In addition, for a project to be eligible, all of the emitter's covered establishments must have undergone a study of the technical and economic potential for GHG emissions reduction in accordance with the requirements of subdivision 3.3.2 of this Part, produced or updated not later than 5 years before the date of filing of the project.".

26. Division 6 of Part III of Appendix C is amended by striking out paragraph 6.

27. Division 7 of Part III of Appendix C is amended

(1) by replacing "subdivision 3.3, 4.3, 4.4 or 5.3, as the case may be, every financial report" in the first paragraph by "subdivision 3.3.2, 4.3.2 or 5.3.2, as the case may be, every final report";

(2) by striking out "showing eligible expenses of less than $100,000" in the second paragraph;

(3) by replacing "must certify that" in the portion before subparagraph 1 of the fourth paragraph by "provided for in the first paragraph must cover all the financial reports produced by the emitter in accordance, as the case may be, with subdivisions 3.3, 4.3 or 5.3, and make it possible to verify if".

28. Division 9 of Part III of Appendix C is amended

(1) in subdivision 9.1,

(*a*) by striking out ", calculated in accordance with the methods set out in the Tarif d'honoraires pour services professionnels fournis au gouvernement par des ingénieurs (chapter C-65.1, r. 12)" in subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph;

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(*b*) by inserting ", an increase in production" before "or the addition" in the third paragraph;

(2) by adding the following at the end of subdivision 9.2:

"(10) expenses related to the connection to a gas network;

(11) fees related to a GHG offset program.".

29. Division 10 of Part III of Appendix C is amended

(1) by replacing "a 10-year period" in paragraph 2 by "10 consecutive years";

(2) by replacing "a 10-year period" in paragraph 5 by "10 consecutive years";

(3) by adding the following at the end:

"(7) have a sufficient electric power supply or obtain an additional electric power block allowing for the project's implementation, before incurring expenses for the project.".

30. Division 11 of Part III of Appendix C is amended by replacing the third paragraph by the following:

"Despite subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph, any eligible sum may be reimbursed, except those related to an eligible supplementary operating cost, that was mentioned in a financial report up to 10 years prior to that reimbursement, up to the sums determined pursuant to section 54.1 and reserved, in the emitter's name, pursuant to that section. The terms and conditions for the payment of the sums provided for in subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the first paragraph apply to such a reimbursement, with the necessary modifications.".

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31. For the compliance period starting 1 January 2024, every emitter required to cover the emissions of an establishment or an enterprise pursuant to the Regulation respecting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances (chapter Q-2, r. 46.1) must cover the verified emissions of that establishment or enterprise within the meaning of paragraph 7 of section 3 of the Regulation as amended by paragraph 1 of section 2 of this Regulation.

32. On 14 September 2026, the Minister will pay, into the general account of an emitter that operates an establishment producing aluminum alloys or manufacturing synthetic olivine sands, as an additional allocation without charge, a quantity of emission units calculated using the following equation:

$$A_j = PR_{2024,j} \times I_{dep,j} \times (0.1)$$

Where:

A_j = Additional number of GHG emission units allocated without charge per type of activity *j* at an establishment;

j = Type of activity, that is, the production of aluminum alloys or the manufacturing of synthetic olivine sands;

$PR_{2024,j}$ = Total quantity of reference units produced or used at the establishment for type of activity *j* during the year 2024;

$I_{dep,j}$ = Initial average intensity for GHG emissions attributable to type of activity *j* at the establishment, calculated using equation 23-2, in metric tonnes CO_2 equivalent per reference unit;

0.1 = Value corresponding to the difference between the assistance factor for type of activity *j* and the assistance factor for a reference unit not determined elsewhere in Table 7 of Appendix C of the Regulation respecting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances (chapter Q-2, r. 46.1).

33. Despite the second paragraph of section 40.1 of the Regulation respecting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances (chapter Q-2, r. 46.1), an amendment related to the type of reference unit used by an emitter that slaughters animals may be sent to the Minister not later than 31 December 2026 so that that amendment applies as of 1 January 2026.

34. 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

Professional Code
(chapter C-26)

Pilot project
— Innovative legal services

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Pilot project respecting innovative legal services, appearing below, may be made by the Minister on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Pilot project is to test the conditions according to which certain acts that are the exclusive prerogative of lawyers may be provided using innovative technological tools, including generative artificial intelligence. The draft Pilot project evaluates in particular the impact of such tools on improving access to justice. The draft Pilot project does not apply to pleading a case or acting before a court.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Nicolas Le Grand Alary, Barreau du Québec, 445, boul. Saint-Laurent, Montréal (Québec) H2Y 3T8; email : nlegrandalary@barreau.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, 10e 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 Barreau du Québec and to interested persons, departments and bodies.

JEAN BOULET
Minister of Labour

Pilot project respecting innovative legal services

Professional Code
(chapter C-26, s. 198.1).

CHAPTER I
GENERAL

1. The implementation of the Pilot project respecting innovative legal services is authorized for the purposes of studying, improving and testing the delivery of legal services using innovative technological tools, such as artificial intelligence, in order to determine if those tools improve access to justice while also ensuring the protection of the public.

More specifically, the Pilot project is aimed at

(1) testing the conditions according to which certain acts referred to in section 128 of the Act respecting the Barreau du Québec (chapter B-1) that are the exclusive prerogative of lawyers may be carried out using innovative technological tools;

(2) collecting information on the operating context of the innovative technological tools concerned to evaluate if those operations justify an amendment, where applicable, of the legislative and regulatory framework in order to sustain the use of those tools;

(3) collecting information on the impact of those tests on the improvement of access to justice.

2. For the purposes of this Pilot project,

"innovative legal services" means any delivery of legal services to the public that makes use of innovative technological tools, including generative artificial intelligence;

"regulated entity" means any person to whom the Barreau du Québec grants such a status for the purpose of offering innovative legal services.

3. This Pilot project is established at the suggestion of the Barreau, which administers the Pilot project.

CHAPTER II
OBTAINING THE STATUS OF A REGULATED ENTITY

4. The Barreau grants the status of regulated entity to every person who meets the conditions provided for in this Chapter.

Where such status is granted to a person, the Barreau specifies, among the acts referred to in paragraph 1 and subparagraphs *b*, *c*, *d* and *e* of paragraph 2 of section 128 of the Act respecting the Barreau du Québec (chapter B-1) that are the exclusive prerogative of lawyers, which of those acts the person is authorized to perform and the duration of that status.

A person who wishes to obtain the status of regulated entity must meet the following conditions:

(1) the person proposes to offer innovative legal services within the meaning of this Pilot project;

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(2) the proposed innovative legal services are aimed at improving access to justice;

(3) the innovative legal services are provided free of charge or at a moderate cost;

(4) the person's product or service is accessible, comprehensive, of quality and adapted to the intended use, while also prioritizing the protection of the public and contributing to accessibility to justice;

(5) the person is being counselled by a lawyer in the relevant field of law;

(6) the person has conducted an analysis of the risks and impacts related to their use of the product or service;

(7) the person puts in place mechanisms for the purposes of cybersecurity, protection against intrusions and to safeguard data and collected information;

(8) the person undertakes to put in place a procedure to process user complaints;

(9) the person has adopted an ethical framework for the development of the tools enabling the person to offer innovative legal services;

(10) the person complies with the legislation and regulations in force, in particular as concerns the protection of personal information;

(11) the person obtains an insurance coverage of at least $5,000,000 for the liability the person may incur for faults committed when providing innovative legal services and an insurance coverage of at least $1,000,000 for cyber risks;

(12) neither the person nor any of its officers or shareholders, where applicable, is the subject or was the subject, in the 5 years preceding the date of the application, as the case may be, of

(*a*) a decision or an order rendered pursuant to the Professional Code (chapter C-26), the Act respecting the Barreau du Québec or a regulation made for their application and imposing a penalty, a striking off the Roll, a restriction or suspension of the right to engage in professional activities, conditions the person must meet to be allowed to continue to practise the profession, refresher courses or periods of refresher training, or any other requirement provided for in a regulation under section 90 of the Professional Code;

(*b*) a decision finding the person guilty of an offence under the Professional Code, the Act respecting the Barreau du Québec or a regulation made for their application; or

(*c*) a decision referred to in the first paragraph of section 45 of the Professional Code.

5. To obtain the status of a regulated entity, a legal person must send the related information and documents using the form established by the Barreau and pay the fees prescribed by the board of directors.

The following information must be sent to the Barreau:

(1) the names used in Québec by the legal person and its Québec business number;

(2) the juridical form of the legal person;

(3) the address of the head office of the legal person and the addresses of its establishments;

(4) the names and residential addresses of all officers, directors and representatives of the legal person and, where applicable, the professional order or similar organization to which they belong and their membership or permit numbers;

(5) where applicable, the names and membership numbers of all lawyers who engage in professional activities within the legal person and, for each of them, an indication whether they practice exclusively within that legal person;

(6) the name of the respondent mandated to provide any record, document or information required by the Barreau, respond to its requests and receive any communications from the Barreau intended for the regulated entity, including any notice of non-compliance.

The following documents must be sent to the Barreau:

(1) an up-to-date copy of the constituting documents of the legal person issued by the competent authority and attesting that the legal person exists;

(2) an up-to-date copy of the by-laws of the legal person;

(3) written confirmation by the competent authority attesting that the legal person is duly registered in Québec;

(4) written confirmation attesting that the legal person is the subject of a guarantee in compliance with subparagraph 11 of the third paragraph of section 4;

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(5) written confirmation attesting that the legal person, its officers and shareholders are not the subject of a decision or an order referred to in subparagraph 12 of the third paragraph of section 4;

(6) an undertaking by the legal person allowing the Barreau to require that it be provided with information or a document relevant to the application of this Pilot project.

6. Where the Barreau considers that the person does not meet the conditions giving access to the status of a regulated entity, it must notify the person in writing and inform the person of their right to submit additional written observations within 15 days after the date of receipt of the notification.

7. Where the person who wishes to obtain the status of a regulated entity is a natural person or a legal person established in the public interest, the provisions of this Chapter apply, with the necessary modifications.

8. The Act respecting the Barreau du Québec (chapter B-1), the Professional Code (chapter C-26) and the regulations made for their application do not apply to a regulated entity, except sections 11 to 19 of the Règlement sur la comptabilité et les normes d'exercice professionnel des avocats (chapter B-1, r. 5), which apply to a regulated entity with the necessary modifications.

CHAPTER III
MAINTAINING THE STATUS OF A REGULATED ENTITY

9. A regulated entity must meet the following conditions to maintain its status:

(1) the entity must maintain insurance in compliance with subparagraph 11 of the third paragraph of section 4;

(2) neither the entity nor any of its officers or shareholders, where applicable, is the subject of a decision or an order referred to in subparagraph 12 of the third paragraph of section 4;

(3) the entity must perform an ongoing assessment of its innovative legal services offer, by evaluating the quality, comprehensiveness and efficiency of the services offered;

(4) the entity must inform the Barreau without delay of any complaint liable to compromise the protection of the public and resulting from the innovative legal services, and of any measure taken to correct the situation;

(5) the entity must ensure that all advertising as well as its website do not contain any false or misleading representations with respect to the actual effectiveness of the innovative legal services being offered;

(6) the entity must send the Barreau, using the form provided by the latter, a declaration indicating all the changes made to the innovative legal services offered or to the requirements of this Pilot project;

(7) the entity must indicate on its website and in all advertising that it is covered by this Pilot project;

(8) the entity must cooperate with the Barreau by sharing in particular any evaluation or useful information as to the innovative legal services offer and by sending, on the determined dates or on request, any information relating to the innovative legal services offered by the regulated entity, including:

(*a*) the interest expressed by users as to the innovative legal services received;

(*b*) the profile and demographic data of users;

(*c*) results of the services offered in terms of performance and quality;

(*d*) the reporting of any incident;

(*e*) rates;

(*f*) financial and commercial results; and

(*g*) any information relating to the requirements provided for in paragraphs 1 to 7.

10. The Barreau may revoke the status of a regulated entity where it observes a failure to fulfil the obligations provided for in this Pilot project.

Where the Barreau intends to revoke the status of a regulated entity, it must notify the entity in writing and inform the entity of its right to submit written observations within 15 days after the date of receipt of the notification. The decision of the Barreau is sent within 30 days after the date of receipt of the notification or the written observations.

In exceptional cases, the Barreau may, where it intends to revoke the status of a regulated entity, suspend that entity's status on a temporary basis where it finds that the protection of the public is at risk of being compromised if that entity continues to offer innovative legal services.

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A regulated entity whose status has been revoked or suspended on a temporary basis must send the Barreau, on request, any information referred to in paragraph 8 of section 9.

CHAPTER IV
PROHIBITED PRACTICES

11. A regulated entity cannot exclude its liability toward users, require that users indemnify it against any claim by a third party or otherwise unilaterally amend the conditions applicable to the use of the innovative legal services.

In addition, a regulated entity cannot impose on users the obligation to refer an eventual dispute to arbitration or restrict their right to go before a court, in particular by prohibiting users from bringing a class action or by depriving users of the right to be a member of a group bringing a class action.

CHAPTER V
FINAL

12. This Pilot project comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. It ceases to have effect 2 years after the date of its coming into force.

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Gouvernement du Québec

C.T. 234409, 5 May 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has been consulted;

WHEREAS the Centre d'hébergement de la Marée inc., the Centre d'hébergement et de soins de longue durée au Coeur-de-la-Vie inc., the Centre d'hébergement et de soins de longue durée de Saint-Lambert-sur-le-Golf inc., the Centre d'hébergement et de soins de longue durée des Patriotes Inc., the Centre d'hébergement et de soins de longue durée L.-B. Desjardins inc., the Centre d'hébergement et de soins de longue durée Notre-Dame, Château Westmount inc., the Maison des aînés de Saint-Timothée inc. and Villa Belle Rive inc. meet the conditions set out in section 51 of the Regulation under the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan to be designated in Schedule I to the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan and in Schedule II to the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel;

THE CONSEIL DU TRÉSOR DECIDES:

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

Le greffier du Conseil du trésor,
LOUIS TREMBLAY

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

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

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

1. Schedule I to the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (chapter R-10) is amended in paragraph 1

(1) by inserting "Centre d'hébergement de la Marée inc." in alphabetical order;

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(2) by inserting “Centre d’hébergement et de soins de longue durée au Coeur-de-la-Vie inc.” in alphabetical order;

(3) by inserting “Centre d’hébergement et de soins de longue durée de Saint-Lambert-sur-le-Golf inc.” in alphabetical order;

(4) by inserting “Centre d’hébergement et de soins de longue durée des Patriotes Inc.” in alphabetical order;

(5) by inserting “Centre d’hébergement et de soins de longue durée L.-B. Desjardins inc.” in alphabetical order;

(6) by inserting “Centre d’hébergement et de soins de longue durée Notre-Dame” in alphabetical order;

(7) by inserting “Château Westmount inc.” in alphabetical order;

(8) by inserting “Maison des aînés de Saint-Timothée inc.” in alphabetical order;

(9) by inserting “Villa Belle Rive inc.” in alphabetical order.

2. Schedule II to the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Management Personnel (chapter R-12.1) is amended in paragraph 1

(1) by inserting “Centre d’hébergement de la Marée inc.” in alphabetical order;

(2) by inserting “Centre d’hébergement et de soins de longue durée au Coeur-de-la-Vie inc.” in alphabetical order;

(3) by inserting “Centre d’hébergement et de soins de longue durée de Saint-Lambert-sur-le-Golf inc.” in alphabetical order;

(4) by inserting “Centre d’hébergement et de soins de longue durée des Patriotes Inc.” in alphabetical order;

(5) by inserting “Centre d’hébergement et de soins de longue durée L.-B. Desjardins inc.” in alphabetical order;

(6) by inserting “Centre d’hébergement et de soins de longue durée Notre-Dame” in alphabetical order;

(7) by inserting “Château Westmount inc.” in alphabetical order;

(8) by inserting “Maison des aînés de Saint-Timothée inc.” in alphabetical order;

(9) by inserting “Villa Belle Rive inc.” in alphabetical order.

3. The amendments have effect since the following dates:

(1) the amendments in paragraph 1 of section 1 and in paragraph 1 of section 2 have effect since 8 February 2026;

(2) the amendments in paragraph 2 of section 1 and in paragraph 2 of section 2 have effect since 28 September 2025;

(3) the amendments in paragraph 3 of section 1 and in paragraph 3 of section 2 have effect since 2 November 2025;

(4) the amendments in paragraph 4 of section 1 and in paragraph 4 of section 2 have effect since 18 May 2025;

(5) the amendments in paragraph 5 of section 1 and in paragraph 5 of section 2 have effect since 21 September 2025;

(6) the amendments in paragraph 6 of section 1 and in paragraph 6 of section 2 have effect since 15 October 2025;

(7) the amendments in paragraph 7 of section 1 and in paragraph 7 of section 2 have effect since 1 October 2025;

(8) the amendments in paragraph 8 of section 1 and in paragraph 8 of section 2 have effect since 11 January 2026;

(9) the amendments in paragraph 9 of section 1 and in paragraph 9 of section 2 have effect since 26 November 2025.

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