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Bill 25

(1996, chapter 28)

An Act to amend the Civil Code as regards the obligation of support

Introduced 15 May 1996 Passage in principle 3 June 1996 Passage 18 June 1996 Assented to 20 June 1996

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill proposes to amend Title Three of the Civil Code of Québec, entitled Obligation of Support.

Under the bill, the legal obligation of support is limited to relatives in the direct line in the first degree. This bill provides that the new provision of the Civil Code will apply to matters pending. It further provides that any obligation to pay support to a relative other than a relative in the first degree arising out of a judgment will end on 30 September 1996.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- **1.** Article 585 of the Civil Code of Québec (1991, chapter 64) is replaced by the following article:
- **"585.** Spouses, and relatives in the direct line in the first degree, owe each other support."
- **2.** The abolition of the obligation of support between relatives other than relatives in the first degree is applicable to matters pending.

Any obligation to pay support to a relative other than a relative in the first degree arising out of a judgment rendered before the coming into force of this Act shall be extinguished on 30 September 1996.

3. This Act comes into force on 20 June 1996.