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**Order of the Minister of Public Security
dated 14 January 1998**

An Act respecting lotteries, publicity contests
and amusement machines
(R.S.Q., c. L-6)

Rules to amend the Bingo Rules

The Minister of Public Security,

CONSIDERING subparagraphs *i.2*, *i.3* of the first paragraph and the second paragraph of section 20 of the Act respecting lotteries, publicity contests and amusement machines (R.S.Q., c. L-6), amended by section 2 of Chapter 54 of the Statutes of 1997, the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux may make rules relating to the matters mentioned therein respecting lottery schemes;

CONSIDERING the third paragraph of that section, the Minister of Public Security must approve the rules made by the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux under that legislative provision;

CONSIDERING the fourth paragraph of that section, any rules made by the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux pursuant to subparagraphs *i.2* and *i.3* of the first paragraph of section 20 are not subject to the publication requirement prescribed by section 8 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1);

CONSIDERING section 12 of that Act, a proposed regulation may be made or approved without being published, where the authority making or approving it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

CONSIDERING section 13 of that Act, the reason justifying the absence of such publication shall be published with the regulation;

CONSIDERING section 18 of that Act, a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* where the urgency of the situation requires it;

CONSIDERING section 18 of that Act, the reason justifying such coming into force shall be published with the regulation;

CONSIDERING the urgency due to the following circumstances:

— since the coming into force of the Bingo Rules, on 23 October 1997, it appears that it is impossible for certain handicapped persons, particularly for visually handicapped persons, to participate in bingos considering that their handicap prevents them from playing with at least 9 bingo cards as required in section 39 of the Rules and it is expedient to remedy the situation as soon as possible;

— with the 1 % increase of the Québec sales tax (Q.S.T.), on 1 January 1998, non-profit organizations cannot respect the provisions of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 62 of the Rules which provide that they must include the tax in the costs related to all the services offered by the holder of a bingo hall operator's licence and those related to the bingo equipment for the purposes of the calculation of the net revenues derived from a bingo event, and it is expedient to allow the organizations to exclude, as soon as possible, the tax so that they will not have to bear financial losses which might stop them from achieving their purpose;

— since the coming into force of the Rules, for the purposes of the calculation of the net revenues derived from a bingo event, certain non-profit organizations have some difficulties to meet, for the payment of the salaries paid to all the personnel directly involved in the setting up and operation of a bingo, the 9 % standard of the value of the prizes offered and it is expedient to remedy the situation as soon as possible;

— to avoid that the suppliers of bingo material have to bear financial losses because of the coming into force of section 105 of the Bingo Rules, on 21 January 1998, it is expedient to allow the various holders of bingo licences to use, until 21 April 1998, bingo paper on which the logo of the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux does not appear provided that the paper was printed and that the bingo booklets were bound before 21 January 1998;

CONSIDERING that the Board, at its sitting of 12 January 1998, made the Rules to amend the Bingo Rules attached hereto;

ORDERS:

THAT the Rules to amend the Bingo Rules, attached hereto, be approved.

Given at Sainte-Foy on 14 January 1998.

PIERRE BÉLANGER

Rules to amend the Bingo Rules (*)

An Act respecting lotteries, publicity contests and amusement machines
(R.S.Q., c. L-6, s. 20, 1st par., subpars. i.2, i.3 and 2nd par.; 1997, c. 54, s. 2)

1. Section 10 is amended by substituting “0,50 \$” for “0,150 \$” in the second paragraph of the French text.

2. Section 39 is amended

(1) by substituting the following for the first paragraph:

“**39.** A holder of in-hall bingo licence shall require that a player purchase a booklet containing at least 9 cards before being admitted to the bingo hall. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the holder may not require that a player who is a handicapped person within the meaning of paragraph *g* of the Act to secure the handicapped in the exercise of their rights (R.S.Q., c. E-20.1), purchase more than one card before being admitted to the bingo hall.”.

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

“For the purposes of the first paragraph, upon payment of the price of the number of cards that he uses, the player who is a visually handicapped person may play bingo with his own cards specifically designed for his use.”.

3. Section 62 is amended

(1) by substituting the word “excluded” for the word “included” in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph; and

(2) by substituting “9 % of the value of the total sales of bingo paper up to a maximum of \$500” for “9 % of the value of the prizes offered” in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph.

4. Section 69 is amended by deleting subparagraph 8 of the second paragraph.

5. Section 80 is amended by substituting the number “29” for the number “28”.

6. Section 98 is amended by substituting the number “69” for the number “71” at the end.

7. Section 105 is amended by substituting “21 April 1998 provided that the paper was printed and that the bingo booklets were bound before 21 January 1998” for “21 January 1998” at the end.

8. These Rules come into force on the date of their publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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* The Bingo Rules were approved by Order of the Minister of Public Security dated 29 September 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 5116).