A Population	B Rate
5601 to 5700	0.00311
5701 to 5800	0.00316
5801 to 5900	0.00321
5901 to 6000	0.00325
6001 to 6100	0.00329
6101 to 6200	0.00334
6201 to 6300	0.00338
6301 to 6400	0.00341
6401 to 6500	0.00345
6501 and +	0.00350

Notwithstanding the rate multipliers for the standardized real estate value applicable to a municipality, the maximum contribution payable by the municipality shall not exceed \$1 500 000.".

- **17.** Schedule II is revoked.
- **18.** 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

Automobile Insurance Act (R.S.Q., c. A-25)

Insurance contributions — Amendments

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the "Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting insurance contributions" made by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, the text of which appears below, may be submitted to the Government for approval after forty-five days have elapsed from the date of this publication.

Section 4 of the Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., c. C-24.2), amended by section 55 of chapter 40 of the statutes of 1998, defines "tool vehicle" (*véhicule-outil*), presently defined as "special mobile equipment" by the Regulation respecting vehicle registration and by the Regulation respecting insurance contributions. Since the new definition of tool vehicle excludes some types of cranes and compressors, the insurance rate for a truck would be applied to them whereas the accident risk associated with cranes and compressors is similar to that of a tool vehicle. Further, vehicles equipped with well-

drills or concrete pumps are currently charged the rate for trucks whereas the associated risk is similar to that of a tool vehicle.

Therefore, a definition is proposed for "equipment transport vehicle" to cover cranes, compressors, well-drills and concrete pumps, and to set their annual insurance contribution at \$122.94, and their monthly insurance contribution at \$10.25. The draft Regulation also changes the definition of a truck, a tow truck, a commercial vehicle and a special mobile equipment so as to be coherent with the definitions contained in the draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting vehicle registration and in section 4 of the Highway Safety Code.

Further information is available from Mr. Bernard Drolet, Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, C-3-12, P.O. Box 19600, Québec, QC G1K 8J6, tel. (418) 528-3233.

Any person wishing to make comments on the matter must forward them in written form, before expiry of the 45-day period, to the Chairman and CEO of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, N-6-2, P.O. Box 19600, Québec, QC G1K 8J6.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting insurance contributions*

Automobile Insurance Act (R.S.Q., c. A-25, ss. 151.1 and 151.2, par. 2 of the first par., and the third par.)

Section 3 of the Regulation respecting insurance contributions is amended:

(1) by substituting the following for the definition of "truck":

""truck" means a road vehicle having a net weight of more than 3,000 kg, built solely for the transportation of goods or of machinery with which it is permanently equipped and of goods (camion);";

^{*} The last amendment to the Regulation respecting insurance contributions, approved by Order in Council 1422-91 dated 16 October 1991 (1991, *G.O.* 2, 4159) was made by the Regulation approved by O.C. 1424-97 dated 29 October 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 5451). For prior amendments, see the Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1998, updated to 1 September 1998.

(2) by substituting the following for the definition of "tow truck":

""tow truck" means a tow truck within the meaning of section 4 of the Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., c. C-24.2; 1998, c. 40, s. 55) (dépanneuse);";

(3) by substituting the following for the definition of "commercial vehicle":

""commercial vehicle" means a motor vehicle, other than a bus, a minibus or a vehicle covered by paragraphs 2 to 10 of section 40, having a net weight of 3,000 kg or less and owned by a legal person (*véhicule commercial*);":

(4) by inserting the following definition:

""equipment transport vehicle" means a road vehicle having a net weight of more than 3,000 kg that is used solely for the transportation of machinery with which it is permanently equipped and of its operating accessoires. This definition does not cover emergency vehicles or vehicles that are or could be used to carry other goods (véhicule de transport d'équipement);";

(5) by substituting the following for the definition of "special mobile equipment":

""tool vehicle" means a tool vehicle within the meaning of section 4 of the Highway Safety Code (*véhicule-outil*);".

- **2.** Section 21 of the Regulation is amended by substituting the following for paragraphs 6 and 7:
- "(6) a tow truck having a net weight of 3,000 kg or less:
 - (7) an ambulance and a hearse;
- (8) a tow truck having a net weight over 3,000 kg that is used solely for the towing or moving of no more than two road vehicles;
 - (9) an equipment transport vehicle.".
- **3.** Section 40 of the Regulation is amended by substituting the following for paragraphs 7 and 8:
- "(7) a tow truck having a net weight of 3,000 kg or less;
 - (8) an ambulance and a hearse;

- (9) a tow truck having a net weight over 3,000 kg that is used solely for the towing or moving of no more than two road vehicles;
 - (10) an equipment transport vehicle.".
- **4.** The following is substituted for section 50:
- "50. The insurance contribution payable to retain the right to operate an equipment transport vehicle, a tool vehicle, a winter tool vehicle or a snowblower whose owner is covered by any of paragraphs 1 to 8 of section 47 is \$122.94."
- **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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Draft Regulation

Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., c. C-24.2)

Fees exigible — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the "Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objets" made by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, the text of which appears below, may be submitted to the Government for approval after forty-five days have elapsed from the date of this publication.

Currently, subparagraph c of paragraph 2 of section 5 of the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objets sets \$35 as the fee for a mechanical inspection by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec of trucks and special mobile equipment designated by a peace officer who has reason to believe that they have undergone modifications likely to reduce vehicle stability or braking or that their condition represents a safety hazard.

The Regulation refers to trucks and special mobile equipment (*véhicule-outil*), defined by the Regulation respecting vehicle registration. The draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting vehicle registration sets forth a new definition of "truck", strikes the definition of special mobile equipment and establishes a new category of "equipment transport vehicle" which covers