# **Draft Regulations**

#### **Draft Rules**

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

# Bingos — 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 Rules to amend the Bingo Rules, the text of which appears below, may be approved by the Minister of Public Security upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Rules propose to increase the recreational bingo licence with prizes whose total maximum value is between \$201 and \$500.

The draft Rules propose to make a distinction between licences according to the number of bingo events, that is respectively one bingo event per day for licences whose total maximum value of prizes offered is no more than \$200 and one event per week for licences with prizes whose value is between \$201 and \$500.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to deregulate the bingos with prizes whose value is between \$201 and \$500 by transferring them to the category of recreational bingo licences.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to subtract the holders of recreational bingo licences with prizes whose maximum value is between \$201 and \$500 from the fees payable for the examination of an application for the issue or the amendment of a licence and from the duties payable for the issue of a licence.

The draft Rules introduce transitional provisions in order to determine the duties and obligations for the holders of an in-hall bingo licence with prizes whose value is between \$201 and \$500, and the duties and obligations for the holders of bingo hall operators' licences.

To date, study of the draft Rules has revealed no negative impact on businesses and particularly on small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting:

Ms. Michèle Rousseau, Advocate, Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux, 1, rue Notre-Dame Est, Montréal (Québec) H2Y 1B6, tel. (514) 864-3779; fax: (514) 864-3414.

Any interested person having comments to make on the matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Secretary general of the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux, 1, rue Notre-Dame Est, Montréal (Québec) H2Y 1B6.

SERGE LAFONTAINE, Chairman

### 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. *c*, *i* and 2nd par.; 1997, c. 54, s. 2)

- **1.** Section 7 of the Bingo Rules is amended
- (1) by substituting "\$500" for "\$200" in clause *a* of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph;
- (2) by substituting the following for subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph:
  - "(4) in the case of a recreational bingo licence:
- (a) where the total maximum value of the prizes is \$200 or less: no more than 1 bingo event per day;
- (b) where the total maximum value of the prizes is greater than \$200 without exceeding \$500: no more than 1 bingo event per week;".
- **2.** A holder of a licence of the "in-hall bingo" subcategory where the maximum value of the prizes is greater than \$200 without exceeding \$500 shall remain subject to the duties and obligations attached to that licence until it expires.

<sup>\*</sup> The Bingo Rules, approved by the Order of the Minister of Public Security dated 29 September 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 5116), was last amended by the Rules to amend the Bingo Rules, approved by the Order of the Minister of Public Security dated 3 December 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 4762).

- **3.** A holder of a licence of the "in-hall bingo" subcategory where the value is greater than \$200 without exceeding \$500 may submit an application for authorization to sell instant-win tickets. That authorization may be issued until the licence expires.
- **4.** A holder of a bingo hall operator's licence shall remain subject to the duties and obligations attached to that licence until it expires without regard to the expiry of bingo licences referred to in section 2.
- **5.** Applications for a licence of the "in-hall bingo" subcategory already submitted to the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux shall be dealt with according to the new rules where the maximum value of the prizes is greater than \$200 without exceeding \$500.
- **6.** These Rules come into force on the fifteenth day following the date of their publication in the *Gazette* officielle du Québec.

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### **Draft Regulation**

Forest Act (R.S.Q., c. F-4.1)

#### Unit rates applicable to the calculation of dues for forest management permits for the supply of wood processing plants

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 respecting unit rates applicable to the calculation of dues for forest management permits for the supply of wood processing plants, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Minister at the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

Any person having comments to make on this matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to Mr. Marc Ledoux, Associate Deputy Minister for Forests, ministère des Ressources naturelles, 880, chemin Sainte-Foy, 10° étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 4X4.

JACQUES BRASSARD, Minister of Natural Resources

## Regulation respecting unit rates applicable to the calculation of dues for forest management permits for the supply of wood processing plants

Forest Act (R.S.Q., c. F-4.1, ss. 5 and 72)

1. The unit rates for stumpage in forests in the public domain set out in Schedule I shall be indexed on 1 April, 1 July, 1 October 1999 and 1 January 2000 in accordance with the performance of the price indexes for the forest products specified in Schedule II. The index rates per species, group of species and quality shall be calculated in accordance with the following formulas:

Index rate at 1 April 1999

 Average price index for the months of December 1998, January and February 1999

Average price index for the months of April 1997 to March 1998

Index rate at 1 July 1999

 Average price index for the months of March, April and May 1999

Average price index for the months of April 1997 to March 1998

Index rate at = 1 October 1999

Average price index for the months of June, July and August 1999

Average price index for the months of April 1997 to March 1998

Index rate at = 1 January 2000

Average price index for the months of September, October and November 1999

Average price index for the months of April 1997 to March 1998

The amounts thus indexed shall apply, in each forest tariffing zone indicated in Schedule I, to the calculation of the dues payable by the holder of a forest management permit for the supply of a wood processing plant for the 3-month period following the date of indexing.

The amounts indexed in the manner prescribed in the first paragraph shall be reduced to the nearest fraction of  $\$0.10/\text{m}^3$  where they contain a fraction less than  $\$0.025/\text{m}^3$ . They shall be rounded off to the nearest fraction of  $\$0.05/\text{m}^3$  where they contain a fraction equal to or greater than  $\$0.025/\text{m}^3$  but less than  $\$0.075/\text{m}^3$  and shall be increased to the nearest fraction of  $\$0.10/\text{m}^3$  where they contain a fraction equal to or greater than  $\$0.075/\text{m}^3$ .