

## Draft Regulations

### Draft regulation

An Act respecting the Société des loteries du Québec (R.S.Q., c. S-13.1)

### Casino games — 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 By-Law amending the By-Law respecting casino games, adopted by the Société des loteries du Québec, the text of which appears below, may be submitted to the Government for approval upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of this draft regulation is to make certain amendments to the casino games aimed at better responding to the needs of the casinos' clientele, and at becoming more competitive with casinos in other jurisdictions.

To that end, the draft regulation, introduces two new games: "War" and "3-Cards Poker".

The rules pertaining to "Keno" have also been modified in response to operational requirements. The rules no longer stipulate specific time limits with respect to prize claims, but require that such time limits be indicated on the ticket. Finally, the rules pertaining to "Pai Gow Poker" have been modified to eliminate any ambiguity related to the role of the dealer and the bank.

To date, the study of the matter reveals no impact on businesses.

Further information can be obtained by contacting M<sup>e</sup> Marie-Christine Tremblay, Director, Corporate Secretariat, Loto-Québec, at telephone number (514) 499-5191 or at Fax number (514) 873-8999.

Any person having comments to make is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to M<sup>e</sup> Marie-Christine Tremblay, Director, Corporate Secretariat, Loto-Québec, 500, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Office 2100, Montréal (Québec) H3A 3G6.

The comments will be forwarded by the company to the Minister of Finance, who is responsible for the ap-

plication of the Act respecting the Société des loteries du Québec.

MICHEL CRÊTE,  
*President and Managing Director*

### By-law amending the By-law respecting casino games<sup>1</sup>

An Act respecting the Société des loteries du Québec (R.S.Q., c. S-13.1, a. 13)

1. Section 1 of the By-law respecting Casino games is amended by inserting, after the words "Caribbean Stud Poker", the following: "3-Cards Poker, War".

2. Section 44 of the said By-law is amended by replacing in paragraphs 1 and 2 the words "of the dealer", everywhere they are found, by the words "of the bank".

3. Section 45 of the said By-law is amended by replacing in paragraphs 1 and 2 the words "of the dealer", everywhere they are found, by the words "of the bank".

4. Section 46 of the said By-law is amended by replacing the words "of the dealer" with the words "of the bank".

5. The said By-law is amended by inserting after section 67.21 the following sub-sections:

#### "§8. 3-Cards Poker

**67.22** 3-Cards Poker is played with one or two decks of cards. The ranks of the cards from the highest to the lowest are as follows: ace, king, queen, jack, ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three and two. An ace may, however, be used to complete a Straight Flush or a Pair formed with cards two and three.

**67.23** The combinations of 3-Cards Poker from the highest to lowest are as follows:

<sup>1</sup> The last amendment to the By-law Respecting Casino Games, approved by Order in Council number 1253-93 dated September 1, 1993 (1993, G.O. 2, 5130), was made by the By-law approved by Order in Council number 745-96 dated June 19, 1996 (1996, G.O. 2, 2779). For prior amendments, see the "Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire", Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1999, updated March 1, 1999.

1° Straight Flush: a hand consisting of three cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, with ace, king and queen being the highest ranking Straight Flush, and ace, two and three being the lowest ranking Straight Flush;

2° Three-of-a-Kind: a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank regardless of suit, with three aces being the highest ranking Three-of-a-Kind, and three twos being the lowest ranking Three-of-a-Kind;

3° Straight: a hand consisting of three cards of consecutive rank regardless of suit, with ace, king and queen being the highest ranking Straight, and an ace, two and three being the lowest ranking Straight;

4° Flush: a hand consisting of three cards of the same suit;

5° Pair: a hand consisting of two cards of the same rank regardless of suit, with two aces being the highest ranking Pair, and two twos being the lowest ranking pair.

**67.24** When two hands are identical with regards to the combinations described in section 67.23, or if two hands contain none of the combinations authorized herein, the hand which contains the highest ranking card, is considered to be the highest ranking hand. If there is no such hand, the hands shall be considered a push.

**67.25** The maximum number of players allowed at a 3-Cards Poker table corresponds to the number of places for wagers designated on the table layout.

**67.26** The player must place his initial wager or his “pair or plus” wager or both, at the betting positions indicated for each one of these wagers before the dealer announces “No more bets”. Afterwards, other than as permitted by Section 67.28, no wager may be placed, amended or withdrawn.

**67.27** The dealer deals three cards face down in turn to each player and to himself.

**67.28** After having examined their three cards, each player has the choice of placing an additional wager, which must be identical to the initial wager. If the player decides not to place an additional wager, he loses his initial wager.

**67.29** The dealer exposes his three cards and sets the highest ranking poker hand possible. To open, the dealer must have a queen, or a king, or an ace or a combination described in article 67.23. If the dealer cannot open, the initial wagers are paid at even money and the additional wagers are a push.

**67.30** The dealer exposes each player’s three cards, one player at a time. The wagers are winning if the player’s hand has a higher rank than that of the dealer. The initial and additional wagers are then paid 1 to 1.

**67.31** If the player, who placed an additional wager has a hand composed of a Straight Flush, a Three-of-a-Kind or a Straight, the initial wager is also paid as follows, regardless of the dealer’s hand ranking:

<b>Wager</b>	<b>Payout</b>
Straight Flush	5 to 1
Three-of-a-Kind	4 to 1
Straight	1 to 1

**67.32** In addition to, or instead of his initial wager, the player may place a “pair or plus” wager. It is a winning wager, if the player’s hand is a Straight Flush, Three-of-a-Kind, Straight, Flush or a Pair, regardless of the dealer’s hand ranking. The “pair or plus” wager is paid as follows:

<b>Wager</b>	<b>Payout</b>
Straight Flush	40 to 1
Three-of-a-Kind	30 to 1
Straight	6 to 1
Flush	4 to 1
Pair	1 to 1

## **§9. War**

**67.33** War is played with six or eight decks of cards.

**67.34** The rank of the cards from the highest to the lowest is: ace, king, queen, jack, ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three and two.

**67.35** The maximum number of players allowed at a War table corresponds to the number of places for wagers designated on the table layout.

**67.36** The player must place his initial wager on the designated area for that wager on the table layout as well as his supplemental wager, if such is the case, to the right of the initial wager before the first card of the game is distributed.

**67.37** Starting with the player to his left, the dealer deals a card to each player, as well as to himself. The cards are distributed face up.

**67.38** Once the cards have been distributed, the dealer compares each player’s card with his:

1° if the player's card is of higher rank than that of the dealer, the initial wager is a winning wager and is paid 1 to 1;

2° if the player's card is of lower rank than that of the dealer, he loses his initial wager;

3° if the player's card is of equal rank to that of the dealer, the player may either withdraw from the game, losing half of his initial wager, or he may opt for War.

**67.39** If the player opts for War, he must place an additional wager equal to his initial wager. The dealer draws three cards from the deck and deals the next card to the player face up. The dealer then draws three more cards from the deck and deals himself the next card face up. The dealer then compares his card to that of the player:

1° if the player's card is of higher rank than that of the dealer, the initial wager is a winning wager and is paid 1 to 1;

2° if the player's card is of lower rank than that of the dealer, he loses his wagers;

3° if the player's card is of equal rank to that of the dealer, the wagers are winning and the initial and additional wagers are paid out at 1 to 1.

**67.40** In addition to the initial wager, the player can place a supplemental wager. The supplemental wager must be placed on the designated area of the table layout before the dealer announces "No more bets". It is a winning wager if the first card dealt to the player is of equal rank to that of the dealer. The winning supplemental wager pays 10 to 1."

**6.** Section 86 of the said By-law is replaced by the following section:

"**86.** The holder of a valid ticket must, if it is a winning ticket, present it for payment at the location and within the time limit stipulated on the ticket. The payment is made to the holder of the valid winning ticket".

**7.** This By-law comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

## NOTICE OF THE RÉGIE DES ALCOOLS, DES COURSES ET DES JEUX REGARDING THE BY-LAW AMENDING THE BY-LAW RESPECTING CASINO GAMES

In accordance with the second paragraph of section 13 of the Act respecting the Société des loteries du Québec (R.S.Q., c. S-13.1), the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux is publishing its notice relating to the By-law amending the By-law respecting casino games.

M<sup>e</sup> SERGE LAFONTAINE,  
*President of the Régie des alcools,  
des courses et des jeux*

### Notice of the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux regarding the By-law amending the By-law respecting casino games

The Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux, in plenary meeting on Friday, September 17th, 1999, expresses a favorable opinion regarding the By-law amending the By-law respecting casino games which was transmitted to it by the Société des loteries du Québec on September 9th 1999, in conformity with the second paragraph of Section 13 of the Act respecting the Société des loteries du Québec (R.S.Q., c. S-13.1).

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## Draft Regulation

Professional Code  
(R.S.Q., c. C-26)

### Social workers — Code of ethics

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Bureau of the Ordre des travailleurs sociaux du Québec, at its meeting of 3 June 1999, adopted the Regulation to amend the Code of ethics of the Ordre des travailleurs sociaux du Québec.

That Regulation, the text of which appears below, will be examined by the Office des professions du Québec pursuant to section 95 of the Professional Code. It will then be submitted with the recommendation of the Office to the Government, which may approve it with or without amendments, pursuant to the same section, upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.