

Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 111-2000, 9 February 2000

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

**Casino games
— Amendments**

By-law amending the By-law respecting casino games

WHEREAS, under section 13 of the Act respecting the Société des loteries du Québec (R.S.Q., c. S-13.1), the Société des loteries du Québec determines by by-law the general standards and conditions relating to the nature and holding of the lottery schemes it conducts and administers and the by-law shall be submitted to the Government for approval;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the second paragraph of that section, if the by-law relates to State casino lottery schemes, the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux must give notice of it and such notice must be published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*;

WHEREAS the company made the By-law to amend the By-law respecting casino games under that section;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the second paragraph of section 13 of the Act respecting the Société des loteries du Québec, the By-law was the subject of a notice of the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux that was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 3 November 1999;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), the By-law was published as a draft in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 3 November 1999, with a notice that it could be approved by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the By-law;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, upon the recommendation of the Minister of State for the Economy and Finance and Minister of Finance:

THAT the By-law amending the By-law respecting casino games, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

MICHEL NOËL DE TILLY,
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

By-law amending the By-law respecting casino games*

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:

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;

* 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 *Table of Amendments and Summary Index*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1999, updated March 1, 1999.

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:

| Wager | Payout |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 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:

| Wager | Payout |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 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*.

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 122-2000, 9 February 2000

An Act respecting the Ministère du Revenu (R.S.Q., c. M-31)

Fiscal administration — Amendments

CONCERNING the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting fiscal administration

WHEREAS under first paragraph of section 96 of the Act respecting the Ministère du Revenu (R.S.Q., c. M-31), amended by section 283 of chapter 83 of the statutes of 1999, the Government may make regulations, in particular, to prescribe the measures required to carry out this Act;

WHEREAS under the second paragraph of section 31 of that Act, amended by section 34 of chapter 65 of the statutes of 1999, the Government may make regulations to determine that a refund owing to a person by reason of the application of a fiscal law may also be allocated to the payment of any amount for which that person is in debt to the State under an Act other than a fiscal law;

WHEREAS the Regulation respecting fiscal administration (R.R.Q., 1981, c. M-31, r. 1) was made under that Act;

WHEREAS it is expedient, for the purpose of ensuring better collection of accounts receivable for family benefits paid without entitlement, to amend that Regulation to allow the allocation of a refund owing under a fiscal law to the payment of such benefits;

WHEREAS under section 12 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), a proposed regulation may be made without prior publication as prescribed in section 8 of that Act, where the authority making it is of the opinion that the fiscal nature of the norms established, amended or repealed therein warrants it;

WHEREAS under 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 authority that has made it is of the opinion that the fiscal nature of the norms established, amended or repealed therein so warrants;

WHEREAS the Government is of the opinion that the fiscal nature of the norms established, amended or repealed by the Regulation warrants the absence of prior publication and such coming into force;

IT IS ORDERED, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Revenue:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting fiscal administration, attached hereto, be made.

MICHEL NOËL DE TILLY,
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif