"The examination marking the successful completion of a training course referred to in section 6.1 may be accepted instead of the examination provided for in the first paragraph for categories 221, 222 and 225.".

- **3.** The following is inserted after section 12:
- "12.1 The Minister issues free of charge to the holder of a certificate marked RESTRICTION who passes the examination related to any of categories 221 to 225 a certificate of competency valid for the remaining validity period of that certificate.".
- **4.** The word "Minister" is substituted for the word "Board" in section 13.
- **5.** The following is substituted for section 15:
- **"15.** A duty of \$50 is exigible upon the issue or renewal of a certificate of competency with respect to gas.".
- **6.** Schedule A is amended
- (1) by inserting "repair," after "remove," in the definition of Category 111;
- (2) by inserting "repair," after "remove," in the definition of Category 121;
- (3) by inserting ", repair, maintain" after "remove" in the definition of Category 131;
- (4) by inserting "and repair" after "remove" in the definition of Category 133;
- (5) by inserting "réparer," after "enlever," in the French text of the definition of Category 134.
- **7.** 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)

Licences

— 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 licences, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation proposes, as of 1 January 2001, new rules governing the authorization to drive a motorcycle in order to reduce the accident rate and offset the inexperience of drivers. Class 6R is a new class of learner's licence authorizing only the driving of a motorcycle within the framework of a driving course or examination given by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec.

A future motorcycle driver shall hold a class 6R learner's licence for at least one month and shall produce an attestation proving that the course was successfully taken from a driving school recognized by a body certified by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec before applying for a class 6A learner's licence authorizing the learner to drive in the company of a licence holder. Such driver shall hold a class 6A learner's licence for at least seven months before applying for a probationary licence or a driver's licence of a class authorizing the driving of a motorcycle.

The draft Regulation also proposes transitional provisions for those who will hold a class 6A learner's licence before 1 January 2001. Those persons shall hold their licences for at least eight months and they shall successfully complete an appropriate driving course given by a recognized driving school before applying for a probationary licence or a driver's licence of a class authorizing the driving of a motorcycle.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Monic Boucher, Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, C-4-12, C.P. 19600, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6, telephone: (418) 528-3390.

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 Minister of Transport, 700, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29° étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1.

GUY CHEVRETTE, Minister of Transport

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting licences*

Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., c. C-24.2, s. 619, pars. 3 and 6; 2000, c. 31, s. 9)

- **1.** Section 8 of the Regulation respecting licences is amended by substituting the words "of class 6R or of any" for the words "of a".
- **2.** The following is inserted after section 8:
- **"8.1.** A class 6R learner's licence authorizes the driving of any motorcycle only during a motorcycle driving course given by a driving school recognized by a body certified by the Société and during a proficiency examination given by the Société.".
- **3.** Section 11 is revoked.
- **4.** The following is inserted after section 12:
- **"12.1.** A person wishing to obtain a class 6A learner's licence must:
- (1) submit his class 6R learner's licence, which he must have held for at least one month;
- (2) submit an attestation, from a driving school recognized by a body certified by the Société, of his successful completion of the appropriate driving course for the class of licence applied for.".
- **5.** Sections 18 and 19 are revoked.
- **6.** The following is substituted for section 20:
- * The Regulation respecting licences, made by Order in Council 1421-91 dated 16 October 1991 (1991, *G.O.* 2, 4146), was last amended by the Regulation made by Order in Council 624-99 dated 2 June 1999 (1999, *G.O.* 2, 1623) and by section 12 of chapter 31 of the Statutes of 2000. For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 2000, updated to 1 February 2000.

- **"20.** A person wishing to obtain a class 6A, 6B or 6C probationary licence for the first time must:
- (1) where he obtained a class 6A learner's licence before 1 January 2001:
- (a) submit his class 6A learner's licence, which he must have held for at least eight months;
- (b) submit an attestation, from a driving school recognized by a body certified by the Société, of his successful completion of the appropriate driving course for the class of licence applied for;
- (2) where he has not obtained a class 6A learner's licence before 1 January 2001, submit his class 6A learner's licence, which he must have held for at least seven months."
- **7.** Section 33 is revoked.
- **8.** The following is substituted for paragraphs 2 and 3 of section 35:
- "(2) where he is 25 years of age or older or in cases other than that of a first driver's licence authorizing him to drive a road vehicle other than a moped or a farm tractor and if he has obtained a class 6A learner's licence before 1 January 2001:
- (a) submit his class 6A learner's licence, which he must have held for at least eight months;
- (b) submit an attestation, from a driving school recognized by a body certified by the Société, of his successful completion of the appropriate driving course for the class of licence applied for;
- (3) where he is 25 years of age or older or in cases other than that of a first driver's licence authorizing him to drive a road vehicle other than a moped or a farm tractor and if he has not obtained a class 6A learner's licence before 1 January 2001, submit his class 6A learner's licence, which he must have held for at least seven months;".
- **9.** This Regulation comes into force on 1 January 2001.

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