## **Draft Regulations**

## **Draft By-law**

An Act respecting income security for Cree hunters and trappers who are beneficiaries under the Agreement concerning James Bay and Northern Québec (R.S.Q., c. S-3.2)

## Maternity benefits — Amendments

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the By-law to amend the By-law respecting maternity benefits, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 15 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft By-law is to harmonize the maternity benefits plan for Cree hunters and trappers with the Employment Insurance Act plan by taking account of amendments to the Act which come into force on 1 January 2001. Thus, the draft By-law increases the maternity leave period from 120 to 240 days and increases the number of days for which daily maternity benefits will be paid from 72 to 192 days.

Under section 13 of the Regulations Act, the draft Bylaw may be made within a period shorter than the 45-day period provided for in section 11 of that Act because of the urgency due to the following circumstances:

- the amendments provided for in the draft By-law must come into force on 1 January 2001 to entitle beneficiary families to benefits equal to those provided under the plan applicable to the Canadian population in general which comes into force on that date;
- the amendments provided for in the By-law issue from the Cree Hunters and Trappers Income Security Board which adopted the amending by-law on 30 October 2000 by Resolution 2000-30.

Further information on the draft By-law may be obtained by contacting Marco de Nicolini, Director, Direction des analyses financières et des projets gouvernementaux, 425, rue Saint-Amable, 4° étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1, by telephone at (418) 646-2574 or by fax at (418) 643-0019.

Any interested person having comments to make on the draft By-law is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 15-day period, to the Minister of Social Solidarity, 425, rue Saint-Amable, 4° étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1.

ANDRÉ BOISCLAIR, Minister of Social Solidarity

## By-law to amend the By-law respecting maternity benefits\*

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- **1.** Section 4 of the By-law respecting maternity benefits is amended by replacing on the first line of the first paragraph, the number "120" by the number "240".
- **2.** Section 5 of this By-law is amended by replacing on the last line, the number "72" by the number "192".
- **3.** This By-law comes into force on January 1, 2001.

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<sup>\*</sup> The By-law respecting maternity benefits have been approved by Order in Council 1450-90 of October 3, 1990 (1990, G.O. 2, 2558).