Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 973-2001, 23 August 2001

Hospital Insurance Act (R.S.Q., c. A-28)

Regulation — Amendments

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the application of the Hospital Insurance Act

WHEREAS, under section 8 of the Hospital Insurance Act (R.S.Q., c. A-28), the Government may make regulations on the matters mentioned therein;

WHEREAS the Government made the Regulation respecting the application of the Hospital Insurance Act (R.R.Q., 1981, c. A-28, r. 1);

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the definitions of "spouse", "resident" and "dependent person" found in the Regulation for harmonization purposes with those provided for in the Health Insurance Act and its statutory provisions;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), a draft of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the application of the Hospital Insurance Act was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 16 May 2001, page 2228, with a notice that it could be made by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS that period of time has expired and it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, upon the recommendation of the Minister of State for Health and Social Services and Minister of Health and Social Services:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the application of the Hospital Insurance Act, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

JEAN ST-GELAIS, Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the application of the Hospital Insurance Act^{*}

Hospital Insurance Act (R.S.Q., c. A-28, s. 8)

1. Section 1 of the Regulation respecting the Hospital Insurance Act is amended

(1) by substituting the following for subparagraph f.I of the first paragraph :

"(f.1) "spouse":

(1) the man or woman with whom a person is married and cohabits;

(2) the man or woman of the opposite or the same sex with whom a person cohabits in a conjugal relationship, where they have been so cohabiting for at least one year or where

(a) a child has been born of their union;

- (b) they have adopted a child together; or
- (c) one of them has adopted the other's child;";

(2) by substituting the words "resident or temporary resident of Québec" for the words "resident of Québec" or a person deemed to be a resident of Québec" in subparagraph *m* of the first paragraph; and

(3) by substituting the following for subparagraph *o* of the first paragraph:

"(*o*) "dependent person": any dependent person within the meaning of section 1.1 of the Regulation respecting eligibility and registration of persons in respect of the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec".

2. 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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^{*} The Regulation respecting the application of the Hospital Insurance Act (R.R.Q., 1981, A-28, r. 1) was last amended by the Regulation made by Order in Council 544-2000 dated 3 May 2000 (2000, *G.O.* 2, 2205). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 2000, updated to 1 November 2000.