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Bill 25

(2001, chapter 59)

An Act to amend the Environment Quality Act

Introduced 15 May 2001 Passage in principle 29 May 2001 Passage 19 December 2001 Assented to 20 December 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill amends the Environment Quality Act to confer on the Government the power to make regulations enabling it to resort to economic instruments for the purpose of protecting the environment and achieving environmental quality objectives.

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENT QUALITY ACT

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- **1.** Section 31 of the Environment Quality Act (R.S.Q., chapter Q-2), amended by section 239 of chapter 40 of the statutes of 1999 and section 3 of chapter 75 of the statutes of 1999, is again amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph e:
- "(e.1) establish measures providing for the use of economic instruments, including tradeable permits, emission, effluent and waste-disposal charges and advance elimination fees, for the purpose of protecting the environment and achieving environmental quality objectives for all or any part of the territory of Québec, and establish any rule necessary or relevant to the functioning of the measures;".
- **2.** This Act comes into force on 20 December 2001.