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Bill 392
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**An Act to secure the supply of hogs to a
slaughterhouse enterprise in the Abitibi-
Témiscamingue region**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The object of this bill is to permit, in the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region, projects to establish or to expand hog-raising facilities in the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region necessary to secure the supply of hogs to a slaughterhouse, despite section 47 of the Agricultural Operations Regulation.

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AN ACT TO SECURE THE SUPPLY OF HOGS TO A SLAUGHTERHOUSE ENTERPRISE IN THE ABITIBI- TÉMISCAMINGUE REGION

WHEREAS the enterprise known as “Viandes Lorraine” operates a slaughterhouse in the municipality of Lorrainville and is presently completing a substantial project involving a meat processing plant to be used in the production of “prosciutto” ham ;

Whereas the project requires that the slaughterhouse receive a sufficient supply of hogs having the characteristics required for the production of that type of ham ;

Whereas current hog raising in the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region does not allow the needs of that production to be met, whether in terms of quantity or quality ;

Whereas it is therefore expedient to permit, without delay, projects to establish or to expand hog-raising facilities in the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region necessary to secure the supply of hogs to the slaughterhouse ;

Whereas the promoter undertakes to establish an environmental watch and develop a regional plan for the sustainable development of hog production in cooperation with the regional community ;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS :

1. Every project to establish, in the Abitibi-Témiscamingue administrative region, a new hog-raising facility and every project to increase the number of hogs already authorized in an existing hog-raising facility in that region is exempt from the application of section 47 of the Agricultural Operations Regulation made by Order in Council 695-2002 dated 12 June 2002, if it is shown that, within the scope of an application for authorization made under section 22 or Division IV.1 of Chapter I of the Environment Quality Act (R.S.Q., chapter Q-2), the project is necessary to secure a sufficient supply of hogs to be used in the production of “prosciutto” ham at the slaughterhouse situated at 584 rangs 6 et 7 Nord, in the municipality of Lorrainville.

To ensure increased protection of the environment, the Government or the Minister, as the case may be, may subject the authorization of any project referred to in the first paragraph to the condition that it satisfy rules different from those prescribed by the Agricultural Operations Regulation, and fix an

implementation schedule for the rules. The authorization must also add conditions enabling the destination of hogs from the hog-raising facility to be controlled.

For the purposes of this section, “hogs” includes sows and piglets.

2. This Act comes into force on the date fixed by the Government.