

## Decree to amend the Decree respecting the automotive services industry in the Québec region\*

An Act respecting collective agreement decrees (R.S.Q., c. D-2, s. 2 and 6.1)

1. Schedule 1 of the Decree respecting the automotive services industry in the Québec region is replaced by the following:

### “SCHEDULE 1 (s. 2.02)

#### RÉGION DE LA CAPITALE-NATIONALE

Ville de Québec.

**In the municipalité régionale de comté de La Côte-de-Beaupré:** Ville de Beaupré, Boischatel, Ville de Château-Richer, Paroisse de L'Ange-Gardien, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Saint-Ferréol-les-Neiges, Paroisse de Saint-Joachim, Saint-Tite-des-Caps.

**In the municipalité régionale de comté de La Jacques-Cartier:** Lac-Beauport, Ville de Lac-Delage, Sainte-Brigitte-de-Laval, Saint-Gabriel-de-Valcartier, Shannon, Cantons unis de Stoneham-et-Tewkesbury.

**In the municipalité régionale de comté de L'Île-d'Orléans:** Paroisse de Sainte-Famille, Village de Sainte-Pétronille, Paroisse de Saint-François, Paroisse de Saint-Jean, Saint-Laurent-de-l'Île-d'Orléans, Saint-Pierre-de-l'Île-d'Orléans.

#### RÉGION DE CHAUDIÈRE-APPALACHES

Ville de Lévis.

**In the municipalité régionale de comté de Bellechasse:** Saint-Henri.

**In the municipalité régionale de comté de La Nouvelle-Beauce:** Paroisse de Saint-Lambert-de-Lauzon.”.

2. This Decree comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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\* The last amendments to the Decree respecting the automotive services industry in the Québec region (R.R.Q., 1981, c. D-2, r.48) were made by the Regulation made under Order in Council No. 103-2001, dated 7 February 2001 (2001, *G.O.* 2, 1227). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 2003, updated to 1 September 2003.

## Notice

In accordance with the first paragraph of section 38 of the Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act (R.S.Q., c. T-11.011), the Code of Conduct for Lobbyists drafted by the Lobbyists Commissioner under sections 36 and 37 of the Act is published below.

The Code comes into force on the fifteenth day following its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

Québec, 29 January 2004

ANDRÉ C. CÔTÉ,  
*Lobbyists Commissioner of Québec*

## Lobbyists Commissioner of Québec

Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act  
(R.S.Q., c. T-11.011)

### Lobbyists — Code of Conduct

CONCERNING the Code of Conduct for Lobbyists

WHEREAS consultations were held by the Lobbyists Commissioner for the preparation of a draft code of conduct for lobbyists, in accordance with section 36 of the Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act (R.S.Q., c. T-11.011);

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 36 of the Act, the Lobbyists Commissioner submitted the draft code of conduct for lobbyists to the President of the National Assembly on 30 January 2003, within the prescribed time of 180 days following the date of the Commissioner's accession to office;

WHEREAS on 11 March 2003 the President of the National Assembly laid the draft code of conduct before the National Assembly for examination by the appropriate committee of the National Assembly, as provided for in section 37 of the Act;

WHEREAS the Committee on Public Finance examined the draft code of conduct by holding consultations on 18 and 19 September 2003 and whereas a final report dated November 2003 was sent to the Lobbyists Commissioner in accordance with section 37 of the Act;

WHEREAS section 37 of the Act provides that after receiving the report of the committee, the Lobbyists Commissioner shall adopt the Code of conduct for lobbyists with or without amendments;

WHEREAS the Lobbyists Commissioner made certain amendments to the draft code of conduct for lobbyists laid before the National Assembly on 30 January 2003;

THEREFORE, the Lobbyists Commissioner hereby adopts the appended Code of Conduct for Lobbyists and publishes it in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* in accordance with section 38 of the Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act (R.S.Q., c. T-11.011).

ANDRÉ C. CÔTÉ,  
*Lobbyists Commissioner of Québec*

## Code of Conduct for Lobbyists

Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act  
(R.S.Q., c. T-11.011, s. 37)

### PREAMBLE

The Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act (R.S.Q., c. T-11.011) recognizes that lobbying is a legitimate means of access to parliamentary, government and municipal institutions and that it is in the interest of the public that it be able to know who is attempting to influence such institutions.

As part of the pursuit of the Act's objectives to foster transparency in and the proper conduct of lobbying activities, this Code of conduct for lobbyists enacts standards to govern and guide lobbyists in the course of lobbying activities, which activities may contribute to informed decision-making by public office holders.

Together with the standards of conduct applicable to public office holders, this Code of conduct for lobbyists aims at contributing, in the best interest of democratic life, to the preservation and enhancement of the confidence citizens place in their parliamentary, government and municipal institutions.

### CHAPTER I OBJECT

**1.** The object of this Code is to establish standards of conduct for lobbyists in order to ensure that lobbying activities are properly conducted and to foster transparency in the lobbying of public office holders.

### CHAPTER II GENERAL PROVISIONS AND INTERPRETATION

**2.** In case of doubt, lobbyists shall act in accordance with the spirit of the Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act (R.S.Q., c. T-11.011), the regulations thereunder and

this Code. For that purpose, lobbyists shall, in particular, take into account the notices issued and published by the Lobbyists Commissioner and the Lobbyists Registrar pursuant to sections 22 and 52 of the Act.

**3.** In representing the special interests of a client, a business or an organization, lobbyists shall take the public interest into account.

## CHAPTER III DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

### DIVISION I RESPECT FOR INSTITUTIONS

**4.** In carrying on their activities, lobbyists shall be respectful of parliamentary, government and municipal institutions and of public office holders. They shall also respect the right to equal access to those institutions.

### DIVISION II HONESTY AND INTEGRITY

**5.** Lobbyists shall discharge the obligations pertaining to their lobbying activities and conduct such activities with honesty and integrity.

**6.** Lobbyists shall ensure that the information they provide to a public office holder is, to their knowledge, accurate, complete and kept up to date.

**7.** Lobbyists shall respect the right of the public to accurate information where, in support of lobbying activities, they use written or electronic means of communications to influence public opinion.

**8.** Lobbyists shall refrain from making false or deceptive representations to a public office holder and from intentionally misleading anyone.

**9.** Lobbyists shall not induce a public office holder to contravene the standards of conduct applicable to him or her.

**10.** Lobbyists shall refrain from directly or indirectly exerting undue pressure on a public office holder.

**11.** Unless they have obtained the informed consent of the persons whose interests are at stake and notified accordingly the public office holder they are lobbying, lobbyists shall not

(1) represent competing or adverse interests; or

(2) place themselves in a situation where there is a real, potential or apparent conflict between their direct or indirect personal interest and the interests they represent.

**12.** Lobbyists shall not use, for purposes other than those of their mandate, confidential information obtained in the course of their lobbying activities.

**13.** Lobbyists who are retained for compensation to advise a public office holder shall not lobby the parliamentary, government or municipal institution in which the public office holder exercises his or her functions, in connection with any question for which the lobbyists act as advisors.

### DIVISION III PROFESSIONALISM

**14.** Lobbyists shall foster, among the public and through their professional dealings, a good understanding of their activities and of the legitimacy of such activities. In addition, they shall refrain from acting in any manner that may discredit the occupation of lobbyist.

**15.** Lobbyists shall inform the client, business or organization whose interests they are representing, of their duties and obligations under the Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act (R.S.Q., c. T-11.011), the regulations thereunder and this Code.

**16.** When they communicate with a public office holder, lobbyists shall specify the identity of the client, business or organization whose interests they are representing as well as the purpose of the communication.

**17.** Lobbyists shall not, by any means whatsoever, conceal or try to conceal the identity of the client, business or organization whose interests they are representing.

**18.** Lobbyists shall be diligent and cooperative in their relations with the Lobbyists Commissioner and the Lobbyists Registrar. They shall particularly, within reasonable time,

(1) answer any request for particulars relating to the information entered or to be entered in the registry of lobbyists;

(2) upon request, amend or clarify any return, notice or request that is incomplete or is not in conformity with the Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act (R.S.Q., c. T-11.011) or the regulations thereunder;

(3) answer any request addressed to them by the Lobbyists Commissioner in the course of an inquiry or inspection.

### CHAPTER IV FINAL PROVISIONS

**19.** Under section 33 of the Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act (R.S.Q., c. T-11.011), the Lobbyists Commissioner is responsible for monitoring and controlling the lobbying of public office holders.

In accordance with Chapter IV of the Act, disciplinary measures and penalties may be imposed on a lobbyist in the event of a breach or infringement of this Code.

**20.** This Code comes into force on the fifteenth day following its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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