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Police Act (R.S.Q., c. P-13.1)

Minimum qualifications required to exercise investigative functions within a police force

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting the minimum qualifications required to exercise investigative functions within a police force, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The Regulation prescribes new training standards for police officers who exercise an investigative function within a police force. A police officer may acquire the training during employment, subject to certain conditions.

To date, study of the matter has shown no impact on businesses, including small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Anne Delisle, Direction de l'organisation et des pratiques policières, Ministère de la Sécurité publique, 2525, boulevard Laurier, 4^e étage, Sainte-Foy (Québec) G1V 2L2; telephone: 418 528-0502; fax: 418 646-3564.

Any interested person having comments to make on the matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to Jacques P. Dupuis, Minister of Public Security, 2525, boulevard Laurier, 5° étage, Sainte-Foy (Québec) G1V 2L2.

JACQUES P. DUPUIS, Minister of Public Security

Regulation respecting the minimum qualifications required to exercise investigative functions within a police force

Police Act (R.S.Q., c. P-13.1, s. 116)

1. A police officer who exercises an investigative function must have successfully completed the basic training program in police investigation offered by the École nationale de police du Québec.

A police officer who holds a full-time position and whose main duty is to conduct criminal investigations exercises an investigative function.

2. Despite section 1, a police officer who, while acquiring the required training, has successfully completed the course entitled Droit pénal appliqué à l'enquête policière given by the School may exercise an investigative function under the supervision of a police investigator provided the police officer begins the training within six months after the date on which the officer's investigative function commences and completes the training no later than 30 months after that date.

The director of the police force may, for valid reason, grant an extension of the training period. The director of the police force shall submit to the Minister an annual report explaining any extension.

- **3.** A police officer who, on 9 November 2005, is exercising an investigative function or is on an eligibility list for such employment is not required to successfully complete the training as provided in sections 1 and 2 so long as the police officer remains employed with the same municipal police force or the police force that succeeds the municipal police force following the creation of a board or an amalgamation of municipalities, or following integration of the police force into the Sûreté du Québec.
- **4.** This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.