

14. Despite sections 60 and 73.5, as enacted by sections 3 and 12,

(1) sections 59 and 61 of the Regulation respecting licences, as they read on 30 September 2007, continue to apply to payments due before 1 January 2008;

(2) a driver's licence holder born in an odd-numbered year is exempt from paying the duties that would otherwise become due on the holder's birthday in 2008.

15. This Regulation comes into force on 1 January 2008, except section 2, section 3 to the extent that it concerns section 60, section 12 to the extent that it concerns sections 73.5 to 73.7 and 73.11, and section 13 to the extent that it concerns sections 82 to 84, and 84.4, which come into force on 1 October 2007.

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Draft Regulation

Highway Safety Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2)

Road vehicle registration — Amendments

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 to amend the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation proposes to allow the duties, additional duties, the insurance contribution, the annual contribution of motorists to public transit and the fees required to register a road vehicle in Québec, as well as the annual amounts payable to retain the right to operate a registered vehicle, to be paid in six or twelve direct debit instalments if the amount is equal to or greater than \$48.

The measure proposed in the draft Regulation has no negative impact on businesses, including small and medium-sized businesses, and will allow the public to stagger the cost of registering or retaining the right to operate a road vehicle over time.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Bernard Drolet, Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, C-3-21, C. P. 19600, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6; telephone: 418 528-3225.

Interested persons having comments to make on the matter are asked to send them in writing before the expiry of the 45-day period to the Minister of Transport and Minister responsible for the Capitale-Nationale region, 700, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting road vehicle registration*

Highway Safety Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2, s. 618, pars. 3, 4.1, 8.3 to 8.5, 8.7, 8.8, 10, 11, 11.0.1, 11.2, s. 619.3, 1st par., subpar. 1 and 2nd par., ss. 619.4 and 631)

1. The Regulation respecting road vehicle registration is amended in section 3 by replacing paragraph 7 by the following:

“(7) particulars identifying the road vehicle, such as, if they appear in the registration record,

(a) make and model, or an abbreviation thereof, and the model year;

(b) net weight;

(c) number of axles calculated under sections 16 to 18;

(d) vehicle serial number;”.

2. Section 13 is amended by replacing paragraph 6 by the following:

“(6) particulars identifying the vehicle, such as

(a) make and model, or an abbreviation thereof, and the model year;

(b) engine displacement;

(c) vehicle serial number;

(d) fuel type;”.

* The Regulation respecting road vehicle registration, made by Order in Council 1420-91 dated 16 October 1991 (1991, *G.O.* 2, 4111), was last amended by the regulation made by Order in Council 1246-2005 dated 14 December 2005 (2005, *G.O.* 2, 5527). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2006, updated to 1 April 2006.

3. The heading of Division VIII of Chapter I is replaced by the following:

“TERMS OF PAYMENT”.

4. Section 19 is replaced by the following:

“**19.** The payment due date for the amounts to be paid under the first paragraph of section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code by the owner of a motor home used for personal purposes with a net weight of 3,000 kg or less or a passenger vehicle is determined according to an order based on the owner’s surname.

The due date if the owner’s surname begins with

(1) B, is 31 January but payment may be made as of 1 November of the preceding year;

(2) A, C or W, is the last day in February but payment may be made as of 1 December of the preceding year;

(3) D, E or F, is 31 May but payment may be made as of 1 March;

(4) G, H or J, is 30 June but payment may be made as of 1 April;

(5) M, N, O or V, is 31 August but payment may be made as of 1 June;

(6) L, is 30 September but payment may be made as of 1 July;

(7) P, Q or R, is 31 October but payment may be made as of 1 August;

(8) I, K, S, T, U, X, Y or Z, is 30 November but payment may be made as of 1 September.”.

5. Sections 20 and 20.1 are revoked.

6. Sections 21 to 24 are replaced by the following:

“**21.** The payment due date for the amounts to be paid under the first paragraph of section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code by an owner of a farm vehicle or farm tractor if the owner is a farmer, a motor home if the owner is a legal person, a motor home with a net weight of more than 3,000 kg, a motorcycle and a moped is 30 April but payment may be made as of 1 February.

22. Subject to section 24, the payment due date for the amounts to be paid under the first paragraph of section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code by an owner of

a vehicle or a bus engaged in the transportation of schoolchildren is 30 September but payment may be made as of 1 July.

23. Subject to section 24, the payment due date for the amounts to be paid under the first paragraph of section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code in respect of a snowmobile, a snowblower or special mobile snow equipment is 31 December but payment may be made as of 1 October.

24. Despite section 19, for the owner of a road vehicle listed below, the payment due date for the amounts to be paid under the first paragraph of section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code is 31 March but payment may be made as of 1 January:

(1) passenger vehicles referred to in sections 98, 99 and 137 or owned by the holder of a ham radio operator’s licence;

(2) road vehicles referred to in section 137 with the exception of mopeds, snowmobiles and motorcycles;

(3) road vehicles referred to in sections 139 and 140 with the exception of mopeds, motorcycles and snowblowers;

(4) road vehicles referred to in sections 124 and 139;

(5) commercial vehicles;

(6) trucks;

(7) special mobile equipment with the exception of special mobile snow equipment;

(8) equipment transport vehicles;

(9) tow trucks;

(10) ambulances and hearses;

(11) taxis;

(12) buses and minibuses except buses engaged in the transportation of schoolchildren; and

(13) road vehicles not referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 or in sections 19 and 21 to 23 that are not apportioned vehicles.”.

7. Section 24.1 is replaced by the following:

“**24.1.** Despite sections 19 and 21 to 24, if, upon obtaining registration of a road vehicle and the right to operate it or put it back into operation, there are no more than four months, including parts of a month, remaining before the payment due date for the amounts to be paid under the first paragraph of section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code, the payment due date for the duties, fees, insurance contribution, contribution of motorists to public transit and additional annual duties is postponed for 12 months upon request by the owner of the vehicle. The postponement entails a 12-month postponement of the beginning of the payment period determined in sections 19 and 21 to 24.”

8. Section 25 is replaced by the following:

“**25.** An owner of a road vehicle must every year pay the duties and fees prescribed in Chapter IV and the other amounts to be paid under the first paragraph of section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code to retain the right to operate the road vehicle.

An owner of a road vehicle who elects to pay by direct debit pursuant to section 25.1 is deemed to comply with the first paragraph of section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code if he or she complies with the provisions of this Division.”

9. The following is inserted after section 25:

“**25.1.** Direct debit payments may be made if the total of the amounts payable pursuant to the first paragraph of section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code and the tax on the insurance contribution is equal to or greater than \$48, provided that

(1) no cheque or debit transaction for amounts owing to the Société under the Highway Safety Code has been refused by a financial institution in the two preceding years;

(2) the owner of the road vehicle authorizes the financial institution and the Société to make the transactions on a single account and provides the details of that account; and

(3) the owner of the road vehicle has obtained all the signatures and authorizations required.

25.2. Direct debit payments may be made according to one of the following schedules:

(1) annually: one debit transaction on the due date determined in sections 19 and 21 to 24;

(2) bimonthly or monthly: a first debit transaction on the due date determined in sections 19 and 21 to 24 and the others every two months or every month, depending on the schedule chosen.

25.3. An owner of a road vehicle required to pay \$48 or more in duties, fees, insurance contribution, tax on that contribution, contribution of motorists to public transit and additional duties to obtain the registration of a road vehicle and the right to operate it or to obtain a registration modification with financial consequences may pay those amounts by direct debit on the conditions set out in sections 25.1 and 25.4 to 25.7.

25.4. If upon obtaining the registration of a road vehicle the owner elects to pay for the right to operate it for 13 to 16 months pursuant to section 24.1, the debit transactions are determined as follows:

(1) if the owner elects to pay annually, the transaction is made on the day following the date of registration;

(2) if the owner elects for the right to operate the vehicle for 13 or 14 months and bimonthly payments, the first transaction is made on the due date determined in sections 19 and 21 to 24 and the others every two months;

(3) if the owner elects for the right to operate the vehicle for 13 to 16 months and monthly payments, the first transaction is made on the last day of the month of registration and the others every month;

(4) if the owner elects for the right to operate the vehicle for 15 months and bimonthly payments, the first transaction is made on the last day of the month of registration and the others every two months;

(5) if the owner elects for the right to operate the vehicle for 16 months and bimonthly payments, the first transaction is made on the last day of the month following the month of registration and the others every two months.

25.5. In the cases of road vehicle registration not covered by section 25.4 and registration modifications with financial consequences, the owner must choose one of the following debit transaction schedules:

(1) annually: one debit transaction on the day following the date on which registration is obtained or modified;

(2) bimonthly or monthly: according to the terms determined in paragraph 2 of section 25.2 provided that the debit transactions are made at the same time or after the date on which registration is obtained or modified.

Where the registration of a trailer is obtained, direct debit payments may be staggered over 12 months following the date of registration. Despite the first paragraph, the owner must choose one of the following debit transaction schedules:

(1) annually: one debit transaction on the day following the date of registration;

(2) bimonthly or monthly: a first debit transaction on the last day of the month of registration and the others every two months or every month, depending on the schedule chosen.

25.6. An owner of a road vehicle electing for direct debit payments for the annual duties, annual additional duties, the annual insurance contribution prescribed in the Regulation respecting insurance contributions made by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec by resolution No. AR-2372 dated 24 September 2006 and the fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects, approved by Order in Council 646-91 dated 8 May 1991, who has not paid them on the due date determined in sections 19 and 21 to 24 and has not informed the Société by that date of his or her intent not to operate the road vehicle, must choose one of the following debit transaction schedules:

(1) annually: one debit transaction on the day following the date on which the authorization to put the road vehicle back into operation is given;

(2) bimonthly or monthly: a first debit transaction on the day following the date on which the authorization to put the road vehicle back into operation is given and the others on the dates determined in paragraph 2 of section 25.2.

25.7. The following rules apply to direct debit transactions:

(1) the minimum amount of a transaction is \$4;

(2) the number of transactions may not be changed before the next due date, except a change required to comply with paragraph 1;

(3) the amounts of the transactions must be equal except for the last, which may be less;

(4) the transactions are staggered between the date on which registration is obtained or modified, or the due date determined in sections 19 and 21 to 24, and the next due date determined in accordance with those sections;

(5) other amounts payable to the Société relating to any other road vehicle of the owner may be added to the amount payable by direct debit, provided that the transaction dates remain the same;

(6) an amount that is added to or subtracted from the amount payable by direct debit following a modification to a vehicle's registration or the addition or removal of a vehicle covered by direct debit is apportioned over all the transactions;

(7) if the authorized financial institution is not open on the scheduled day of a transaction, the transaction is postponed to the next business day;

(8) if the due date determined in sections 19 and 21 to 24 is the 31st day of January, March, May, August, October or December and a transaction is scheduled in February, April, June, September or November, the transaction is made on the last day of that month;

(9) where the due date determined in sections 19 and 21 to 24 is the 30th day of any month and a transaction is scheduled in February, the transaction is made on the last day of that month;

(10) unless the owner gives notice to the contrary, the method of payment and the debit transaction schedule chosen by the owner are automatically renewed on the next due date determined in sections 19 and 21 to 24;

(11) an owner who terminates direct debit payments before the schedule expires must inform the Société and pay the balance owing at that time;

(12) direct debit payments are interrupted and the balance owing becomes payable if

(a) a transaction cannot be made, in particular because there are insufficient funds or the account identified by the owner under subparagraph 2 of section 25.1 has been closed, and the default is not remedied 10 days after notice thereof is given to the owner by the Société; or

(b) at least two debit transactions cannot be made during the payment period; and

(13) if the owner of a road vehicle is prohibited from operating the vehicle or from putting it back into operation, the debit transactions continue to be made unless the owner informs the Société that they are terminated, in which case the balance owing becomes payable."

10. Sections 60.14 to 60.17 are replaced by the following:

“**60.14.** To apportion a road vehicle, the applicant must pay the fee calculated under section 60.13, the insurance contribution under section 60.16 and the fees under the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects.

60.15. For the purposes of paragraph 2 of section 60.13, the proportion of the amount of registration fees for Québec is the product obtained by multiplying the monthly fees determined in section 87 or 90 by the number of calendar months, including parts of a month, less one, between the date on which the registration comes into effect and the following 31 March.

60.16. The insurance contribution for an apportioned road vehicle is the contribution payable under the Regulation respecting insurance contributions.

60.17. A person required to pay \$48 or more in duties, fees, the insurance contribution and tax on the contribution for an apportioned road vehicle may pay those amounts by direct debit on the conditions set out in sections 25.1 and 25.7.

If registration is issued in February or March, is subsequent to the first registration and comes into effect on 1 April of the year of issue, the person must choose one of the following debit transaction schedules:

(1) annually: one debit transaction on the last day of March;

(2) bimonthly or monthly: a first debit transaction on the last day of March and, according to the schedule chosen,

(a) 5 others at 2-month intervals;

(b) 11 others at 1-month intervals.

For registration covered by the second paragraph, if a person elects to pay by direct debit, the fees payable under the laws of other administrative authorities must be paid on the first transaction.

For registration not covered by the second paragraph, the owner must choose one of the following debit transaction schedules:

(1) annually: one debit transaction on the day following the date on which registration is issued;

(2) bimonthly or monthly: according to the conditions determined in paragraph 2 of section 25.2 as if the due date were 31 March, provided that the transactions are concurrent with or subsequent to the date on which registration is obtained or modified and, for the fees payable under the laws of other administrative authorities, an additional transaction on the day following the date on which registration is issued.”

11. Section 60.18 is revoked.

12. Sections 61 to 61.2 are replaced by the following:

“**61.** Subject to sections 61.1 to 66, the amount of the duties and fees payable to obtain the registration of a road vehicle and for the right to operate the vehicle is the product obtained by multiplying the monthly fees determined in any of sections 86 to 90 by the number of calendar months, including parts of a month, less one, during which the owner of the vehicle has the right to operate it.

The contribution of motorists to public transit established under section 88.2 of the Transport Act (R.S.Q., c. T-12) payable to obtain the registration of a road vehicle and for the right to operate it is the product obtained by multiplying the monthly contribution of \$2.50 by the number of calendar months, including parts of a month, less one, during which the owner of the vehicle has the right to operate it.

61.1. In respect of a road vehicle in the category of road vehicles referred to in section 2.1, the additional duty payable to obtain the registration of the vehicle and for the right to operate it is the product obtained by multiplying the monthly duty determined in section 90.1 by the number of calendar months, including parts of a month, less one, during which the owner of the vehicle has the right to operate it.

61.2. In respect of a road vehicle in the category of road vehicles referred to in the first paragraph of section 2.1.1, the additional duty payable to obtain the registration of the vehicle and for the right to operate it is the product obtained by multiplying the monthly duty determined in section 90.1.1 by the number of calendar months, including parts of a month, less one, during which the owner of the vehicle has the right to operate it.”

13. Sections 67 and 68 are replaced by the following:

“**67.** An owner of a registered road vehicle who elected not to operate the road vehicle until the end of the payment period for the fees and duties, who was reim-

bursed under section 162 and who applies for authorization to put the vehicle back into operation must first pay the annual duties, annual additional duties, the annual contribution of motorists to public transit fixed under section 88.3 of the Transport Act and the fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects, for the period during which the owner is entitled to put the vehicle back into operation.

68. An owner of a registered road vehicle who has not paid, on the due date determined in sections 19 and 21 to 24, the annual duties, annual additional duties, the annual contribution of motorists to public transit fixed under section 88.3 of the Transport Act and the fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects, and has not notified the Société by that date of an election not to operate the road vehicle must pay those amounts and the additional fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects, to be authorized to put the vehicle back into operation until the end of the 12-month period for which those amounts are payable.

If those amounts are not paid by the due dates, in respect of two periods and more than 12 months, only the amounts for the 12-month period during which authorization to put the vehicle back into operation is applied for are payable, in addition to the additional fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects.”.

14. Sections 69 to 71 are revoked.

15. Sections 72 to 75 are replaced by the following:

“**72.** An owner of a registered road vehicle who has not paid, on the due date determined in sections 19 and 21 to 24, the annual duties, annual additional duties, the annual contribution of motorists to public transit fixed under section 88.3 of the Transport Act and the fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects, and has not notified the Société by that date of an election not to operate the road vehicle whose registration was cancelled during the 12-month period for which those amounts are payable must, upon the cancellation or new registration if it is issued during that period, pay the duties and contribution for the part of that period preceding the cancellation of the registration, and the fees and additional fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects.

If those amounts are not paid by the due dates, in respect of two periods and more than 12 months, only the 12-month period during which the registration was cancelled is considered and only the amounts for the part of that period preceding the cancellation are payable in addition to the additional fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects.

73. An owner of a registered road vehicle who has not paid, on the due date determined in sections 19 and 21 to 24, the annual duties, annual additional duties, the annual contribution of motorists to public transit fixed under section 88.3 of the Transport Act and the fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects, and has not notified the Société by that date of an election not to operate the road vehicle, but who is prohibited from putting the vehicle back into operation under section 188 or 189 or paragraph 2 of section 194 of the Highway Safety Code for a part of the 12-month period for which payment was required must pay, when the prohibition is lifted if it is lifted during that period, the duties and contribution for the part of that period not covered by the prohibition, and the fees and additional fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects.

If those amounts are not paid by the due dates, in respect of two periods and more than 12 months, only the 12-month period during which the prohibition was in effect is considered and only the amounts for the part of that period not covered by the prohibition are payable, in addition to the additional fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects.

74. An owner of a registered road vehicle who is prohibited from putting a vehicle back into operation under section 188 or 189 or paragraph 2 of section 194 of the Highway Safety Code during a payment period prescribed for the vehicle in sections 19 and 21 to 24 is exempt from payment of the annual duties, additional annual duties and annual contribution of motorists to public transit fixed under section 88.3 of the Transport Act for the duration of the prohibition. If the prohibition is lifted during the part of the 12-month period for which payment was required, the owner must pay, when the prohibition is lifted if it is lifted during that period, the duties and contribution for the part of that period not covered by the prohibition, and the fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects, to be authorized to put the vehicle back into operation until the end of that period.

75. An owner of a registered road vehicle who is prohibited from putting a vehicle back into operation under section 188 or 189 or paragraph 2 of section 194 of the Highway Safety Code for a part of the 12-month period for which the annual duties, annual additional duties and annual contribution of motorists to public transit fixed under section 88.3 of the Transport Act are payable, and who was reimbursed under section 164 must pay, when the prohibition is lifted if it is lifted during that period, the duties and contribution for the part of that period following the prohibition, and the fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects, to be authorized to put the vehicle back into operation until the end of that period.

75.1. The amount of the duties payable under sections 67 and 72 to 75 is the product obtained by multiplying the monthly fees determined in any of sections 78 to 90 by the number of calendar months, including parts of a month, less one, within the part of the 12-month period considered.

The additional duty payable in respect of a road vehicle in the category of road vehicles referred to in section 2.1 under sections 67 and 72 to 75 is the product obtained by multiplying the monthly duty determined in section 90.1 by the number of calendar months, including parts of a month, less one, within the part of the 12-month period considered.

The additional duty payable in respect of a road vehicle in the category of road vehicles referred to in the first paragraph of section 2.1.1 under sections 67 and 72 to 75 is the product obtained by multiplying the monthly duty determined in section 90.1.1 by the number of calendar months, including parts of a month, less one, within the part of the 12-month period considered.

The contribution of motorists to public transit payable under sections 67 and 72 to 75 is the product obtained by multiplying the monthly contribution of \$2.50 by the number of calendar months, including parts of a month, within the part of the 12-month period considered.”

16. Sections 76 and 77 are revoked.

17. Section 90.1 is amended by replacing “value of a vehicle” by “value of a road vehicle”.

18. Sections 147 and 148 are replaced by the following:

“**147.** The amount of the fees payable to obtain the registration of a road vehicle in a category covered by section 143 and the right to operate a vehicle in one of

those categories is the product obtained by multiplying the monthly fees of \$50.42 by the number of calendar months, including parts of a month, less one, during which the person has the right to operate a road vehicle in one of those categories.

148. The fees payable by a person having obtained the registration of a road vehicle in a category covered by section 143 and wishing to retain the right to operate a road vehicle in one of those categories are \$605.

To retain the right to operate a road vehicle in one of those categories of registered vehicles, a person referred to in the first paragraph must pay the fees prescribed therein every year, as well as the other amounts prescribed in the first paragraph of section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code during the 3-month period ending on 31 March for as long as the registration has not been cancelled.

Despite the second paragraph, if there are more than 4 months, including parts of a month, remaining before the payment due date for the annual amounts, the due date is postponed for 12 months upon request by the person to whom the registration was issued. The postponement entails a 12-month postponement of the beginning of the payment period determined in the second paragraph.”

19. Section 154 is replaced by the following:

“**154.** The amount of the fees payable to obtain the registration of a road vehicle in a category of road vehicle covered by section 149 and the right to operate a road vehicle having a net mass of 500 kg or less in one of those categories is the product obtained by multiplying the monthly fees of \$3.33 by the number of calendar months, including parts of a month, less one, during which the person has the right to operate a road vehicle in one of those categories.

To obtain the registration of a road vehicle in a category of road vehicle covered by section 149 and the right to operate a road vehicle in one of those categories that has a net mass greater than 500 kg but less than 3,000 kg, the monthly fees are \$24.58.

To obtain the registration of a road vehicle in a category of road vehicle covered by section 149 and the right to operate a road vehicle in one of those categories regardless of the vehicle’s net mass, the monthly fees are \$50.42.”

20. Section 158 is replaced by the following:

“**158.** To retain the right to operate a road vehicle in one of the categories of registered vehicles, a person referred to in sections 155 to 157 must pay the fees prescribed in that section every year, and the other amounts prescribed in the first paragraph of section 31.1 of the Highway Safety Code during the 3-month period ending on 31 March for as long as the registration has not been cancelled.

Despite the first paragraph, if there are more than 4 months, including parts of a month, remaining before the payment due date for the annual amounts, the due date is postponed for 12 months upon request by the person to whom the registration was issued. The postponement entails a 12-month postponement of the beginning of the payment period determined in the first paragraph.”.

21. Direct debit payment of the amounts referred to in sections 147, 148, 154 and 158 may be made according to the rules established in sections 25.1 to 25.7, with the reference to “owner of the road vehicle” replaced by “person who has obtained registration in one of the categories of road vehicles covered by sections 143 and 149” and the reference to “the due date determined in sections 19 and 21 to 24” replaced by “31 March”.

22. Sections 160 and 161 are replaced by the following:

“**160.** A person who has obtained the registration of a road vehicle in a category of road vehicle covered by section 143 and who wishes to obtain the right to operate more than one vehicle in the category must apply for as many registration certificates and detachable licence plates bearing the prefix “X” as there are vehicles to be operated, and for each vehicle pay the fees prescribed in section 147, the insurance contribution determined under the Regulation respecting insurance contributions and the fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects.

To retain the right to operate more than one road vehicle in one of those categories, the person must each year, for each vehicle, pay the fees prescribed in section 148, the annual insurance contribution determined under the Regulation respecting insurance contributions and the fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects during the 3-month period ending on 31 March for as long as the registration has not been cancelled.

The first and second paragraphs do not apply to road vehicles transported by other vehicles using the saddle-mount method or the drive-away method, in accordance with section 146.

161. A person who has obtained the registration of a road vehicle in a category of road vehicle covered by section 149 and who wishes to obtain the right to operate more than one vehicle in the category must apply for as many registration certificates and detachable licence plates bearing the prefix “X” as there are vehicles to be operated and for each vehicle pay the fees prescribed in section 147 according to the vehicle’s net mass, the insurance contribution determined under the Regulation respecting insurance contributions and the fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects.

To retain the right to operate more than one road vehicle in one of those categories, the person must each year, for each vehicle, pay the fees prescribed in sections 155 to 157 according to the vehicle’s net mass, the annual insurance contribution determined under the Regulation respecting insurance contributions and the fees prescribed in the Regulation respecting fees exigible under the Highway Safety Code and the return of confiscated objects during the 3-month period ending on 31 March for as long as the registration has not been cancelled.”.

23. Section 162 is replaced by the following:

“**162.** An owner who informs the Société that he or she elects not to operate the road vehicle until the end of the payment period for the fees and duties is entitled to a reimbursement, in accordance with sections 166, 167, 169, 170, 170.1, 173 to 176, 179 and 180, of a portion of the duties, additional duties and contribution of motorists to public transit already paid for in relation to the period during which the election has effect.

However, no reimbursement may be made if the election applies to a vehicle subject to an exemption under this Regulation from payment of the fees to retain the right to operate the vehicle or if the election is made after receipt by the Société of a notice under article 364 of the Code of Penal Procedure (R.S.Q., c. C-25.1).”.

24. Section 163 is amended by replacing “171, 171.1, 173 to 175, 177” by “170.1, 173 to 176”.

25. Section 164 is amended by replacing “172 to 175 and 178 to” by “170, 170.1, 173 to 176, 179 and”.

26. Sections 170 to 170.2 are replaced by the following:

“**170.** Subject to sections 173 to 175, the amount of the reimbursement of fees is the product obtained by multiplying the monthly fees applicable to the road vehicle concerned by the number of calendar months, less two, from the date of the application for reimbursement or, in the cases referred to in section 169, from the date of the event or the date of the new registration, to the date of expiry of the period for which the fees had been paid.

170.1. The amount of the reimbursement of the additional duty in respect of a road vehicle in the category of road vehicles referred to in section 2.1 is the product obtained by multiplying the additional monthly duty applicable to the road vehicle concerned by the number of calendar months, less two, from the date of the application for reimbursement or, in the cases referred to in section 169, from the date of the event or the date of the new registration, to the date of expiry of the period for which the additional duty had been paid.

170.2. The amount of the reimbursement of the additional duty in respect of a road vehicle in the category of road vehicles referred to in the first paragraph of section 2.1.1 is the product obtained by multiplying the additional monthly duty applicable to the road vehicle concerned by the number of calendar months, less two, from the date of the application for reimbursement or, in the cases referred to in section 169, from the date of the event or the date of the new registration, to the date of expiry of the period for which the additional duty had been paid.”

27. Section 176 is replaced by the following:

“**176.** The amount of the reimbursement of the contribution of motorists to public transit is the product obtained by multiplying the monthly contribution of \$2.50 by the number of calendar months, less two, from the date of the event or the date of the new registration, to the date of expiry of the period for which the contribution of motorists to public transit had been paid.”

28. This Regulation comes into force on 1 January 2008.

Draft Regulation

Highway Safety Code
(R.S.Q., c. C-24.2)

Taxi transportation — Amendments

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 to amend the Taxi Transportation Regulation, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation proposes to allow any amount equal to or greater than \$48 to be paid by direct debit in 6 or 12 instalments if the amount is

(1) for the annual fee to obtain or maintain a taxi driver’s permit; or

(2) for the annual fee to renew a taxi owner’s permit.

The measure proposed in the draft Regulation has no negative impact on businesses, including small and medium-sized businesses and it will allow taxi drivers and owners to stagger the costs to obtain, renew or maintain the permits they require to carry on their activities.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Bernard Drolet, Société de l’assurance automobile du Québec, 333, boulevard Jean-Lesage, C-3-21, C. P. 19600, Québec (Québec) G1K 8J6; telephone: 418 528-3225.

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 the Minister of Transport and Minister responsible for the Capitale-Nationale region, 700, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1.

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