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Until an attestation of the Order is obtained according to which the optometrist has completed the upgrading program provided for in Division II, the optometrist may, as holder of the permit authorizing him or her to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and provide eye care, perform only the acts authorized by the Regulation respecting the medications that may be administered and prescribed for therapeutic purposes by an optometrist and respecting the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist (chapter O-7, r. 11), as it read on (*insert the date that precedes the date of coming into force of the Regulation respecting the medications that may be administered and prescribed by an optometrist and respecting the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist*).

15. An optometrist who meets the conditions of section 1, but who has completed the training program referred to in section 1 before 1 April 2018 obtains the issue of the permits referred to in that section.

Despite the foregoing, the optometrist must take part in the upgrading program provided for in Division II and have successfully completed the program before 1 April 2021, subject to suspension or cancellation of his or her permits pursuant to sections 9 and 10.

Until an attestation of the Order is obtained according to which the optometrist has completed the upgrading program provided for in Division II, the optometrist may, as holder of the permit authorizing him or her to administer and prescribe medications for therapeutic purposes and provide eye care, perform only the acts authorized by the Regulation respecting the medications that may be administered and prescribed for therapeutic purposes by an optometrist and respecting the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist (chapter O-7, r. 11), as it read on (*insert the date that precedes the date of coming into force of the Regulation respecting the medications that may be administered and prescribed by an optometrist and respecting the eye care that may be provided by an optometrist*).

16. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

Draft Regulation

Real Estate Brokerage Act
(chapter C-73.2)

Real estate indemnity fund and determination of the professional liability insurance premium — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the Real Estate Indemnity Fund and determination of the professional liability insurance premium, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

These amendments are intended, from a public protection perspective, to increase the maximum indemnity payable out of the Real Estate Indemnity Fund to \$ 100,000 per claim in respect of fraud, fraudulent tactics or misappropriation of funds committed as of 1 January 2018 and to increase the period of eligibility for a claim to two years of knowledge of fraud, fraudulent tactics or misappropriation of funds.

This draft regulation has no impact on citizens and businesses, especially SMEs.

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Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Richard Boivin, Assistant Deputy Minister for policies related to financial institutions and to corporate law, Ministère des Finances, 8, rue Cook, 4^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 0A4; telephone: 418 646 7563; fax: 418 646 5744; email: richard.boivin@finances.gouv.qc.ca

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**Regulation to amend the Regulation
respecting the real estate indemnity
fund and determination of the professional
liability insurance premium**

Real Estate Brokerage Act
(chapter C-73.2, s. 46, par. 15 to 17)

1. The Regulation respecting the Real Estate Indemnity Fund and determination of the professional liability insurance premium (chapter C-73.2, r. 5) is amended in section 7 by replacing “in the year in which” by “no later than two years after”.

2. Section 14 of this regulation is amended:

1° by replacing “35 000\$” by “100 000\$”;

2° by replacing “1 May 2010” by “1 January 2018”;

3° by replacing “section 37 of the Regulation respecting the application of the Real Estate Brokerage Act (chapter C-73.1, r. 1)” by “the regulations applicable at the date the act is committed”.

3. This regulation comes into force on 1 January 2018.

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