Gouvernement du Québec

## **O.C. 7-2018**, 17 January 2018

Individual and Family Assistance Act (chapter A-13.1.1)

## Individual and Family Assistance —Amendment

Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation

WHEREAS, under sections 132, 133, 133.1 and 136 of the Individual and Family Assistance Act (chapter A-13.1.1), amended by the Act to allow a better match between training and jobs and to facilitate labour market entry (2016, chapter 25), the Government may make regulations on the matters set forth therein;

WHEREAS, under Order in Council 1084-2017 dated 8 November 2017, certain provisions of the Act to allow a better match between training and jobs and to facilitate labour market entry will come into force on 1 April 2018;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Individual and Family Assistance Act, the Government made the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation (chapter A-13.1.1, r. 1);

WHEREAS, under Order in Council 1085-2017 dated 8 November 2017, the Government made the Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation, certain provisions of which will come into force on 1 April 2018;

WHEREAS it is expedient to again amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 12 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation may be made without having been published as provided for in section 8 of that Act, if the authority making it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 18 of that Act, a regulation may come into force between the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* and the fifteenth day following that publication where the authority that has made or approved it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it; WHEREAS, under section 13 and the second paragraph of section 18 of that Act, the reason justifying the absence of prior publication and such coming into force must be published with the regulation;

WHEREAS the Government is of the opinion that the urgency due to the following circumstances justifies the absence of prior publication and such coming into force:

— pursuant to the Act to combat poverty and social exclusion (chapter L-7), the Government adopted, by Order in Council 1179-2017 dated 6 December 2017, the Government Action Plan to Foster Economic Inclusion and Social Participation 2017-2023, which includes various measures aimed at increasing the income of people in poverty;

— one of those measures is to progressively increase, as of 2018, the benefits paid under last resort financial assistance programs and the Objectif Emploi program;

—the implementation of that measure requires that amendments be made to the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation as soon as possible;

— the amendments provided for in the Regulation attached to this Order in Council increase all last resort financial assistance benefits as of 1 February 2018;

—as of 1 April 2018, the amendments also grant that increase to recipients under the Objectif Emploi program and harmonize the benefits they receive with those granted under the Social Assistance Program;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

JUAN ROBERTO IGLESIAS, Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

## Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation

Individual and Family Assistance Act (chapter A-13.1.1, ss. 132, 133, 133.1 and 136; 2016, chapter 25)

**1.** The Individual and Family Assistance Regulation (chapter A-13.1.1, r. 1) is amended by inserting the following after section 67.3:

**"67.4.** The basic benefit granted to an independent adult, a family or the spouse of an ineligible student is adjusted by \$15. The basic benefit granted to the persons referred to in in section 60 is adjusted by \$5.".

**2.** The following is inserted after section 157:

"**157.1.** Despite section 67.4, the social solidarity allowance granted to an independent adult, a family composed of only 1 adult or the spouse of an ineligible student is adjusted by \$73. The allowance granted to a family composed of 2 adults is adjusted by \$88 and the allowance granted to the persons referred to in the second paragraph of section 157 is adjusted by \$16.".

**3.** Section 166 is amended by inserting "adjustments provided for in sections 67.4 and 157.1," in the first paragraph after "social solidarity allowance,".

**4.** Section 177.24, introduced by section 24 of the Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation, made by Order in Council 1085-2017 dated 8 November 2017, is amended by replacing "\$628" and "\$972" by "\$633" and "\$980", respectively.

**5.** The following is inserted after section 177.25, introduced by section 24 of the Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation, made by Order in Council 1085-2017 dated 8 November 2017:

"**177.25.1.** The basic benefit granted to an independent adult, including an independent adult referred to in sections 25 and 26, or to a family, is adjusted by \$15.".

**6.** Section 177.32, introduced by section 24 of the Regulation to amend the Individual and Family Assistance Regulation, made by Order in Council 1085-2017 dated 8 November 2017, is amended by replacing "177.25 and" by "177.25 to".

**7.** Sections 1 to 3 come into force on 1 February 2018 and sections 4 to 6 come into force on 1 April 2018.

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## Order 3886 of the Minister of Justice dated 20 December 2017

Civil Code of Québec (Civil Code)

Power to make designations and grant authorizations to solemnize marriages and civil unions

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of article 366 of the Civil Code of Québec, which provides that every clerk or deputy clerk of the Superior Court designated by the Minister of Justice, every notary authorized by law to execute notarial acts and, within the territory defined in the instrument of designation, any other person designated by the Minister of Justice, including mayors, members of municipal or borough councils and municipal officers, is competent to solemnize marriage;

CONSIDERING the second paragraph of article 366 of the Code, which provides that every minister of religion authorized to solemnize marriage by the religious society to which he belongs is competent to do so, provided that he is resident in Québec, that he carries on the whole or part of his ministry in Québec, that the existence, rites and ceremonies of his confession are of a permanent nature, that he solemnizes marriages in places which conform to those rites and to the rules prescribed by the Minister of Justice and that he is authorized by the latter;

CONSIDERING the third paragraph of article 366 of the Code, which provides that any minister of religion not resident but living temporarily in Québec may also be authorized to solemnize marriage in Québec for such time as the Minister of Justice determines;

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of article 377 of the Code, which provides that, unless the Minister of Justice has already delegated to the registrar of civil status the power to grant the authorizations and make the designations provided for in article 366, the Minister of Justice keeps the registrar informed of the authorizations, designations and revocations the Minister of Justice gives, makes or takes part in with respect to officiants competent to solemnize marriages, so that appropriate entries and corrections may be made in a register;

CONSIDERING the second paragraph of article 521.3 of the Code, which provides that the solemnization of a civil union is subject to the same rules, with the necessary modifications, as are applicable to the solemnization of a marriage, including the rules relating to prior publication;

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