6. Section 2.4 is replaced by the following:

"2.4 The annual duties for the registration of an amusement machine described in section 1.1 are \$115 for each machine.".

7. Section 3 is replaced by the following:

"3. Where a licence and registration markers are issued for a period of less than one year, the duties under sections 2.1 and 2.4 are payable in the proportion that the number of months and days for which the licence and markers are issued is of 12 months."

8. Section 4 is amended by replacing "the prescribed form duly completed and the amount of the duties prescribed in section 2.4" by "the form duly completed and the amount of the duties under section 2.4".

9. Section 5.1 is amended

(1) by striking out "prescribed" in the first paragraph;

(2) by striking out the second paragraph.

10. Section 9 is replaced by the following:

"9. The payment of the duties under this Regulation is made at the time the application for the licence and registration markers is made.

In the case of an application for an operator's licence and for registration markers for machines for which the duties to be paid exceed \$2,000, the payment of the duties may be made in 2 equal instalments: the first payment, at the time the licence is applied for and the second payment, within 4 months after the date on which the licence is issued.

Those terms are not, however, available to a holder that in the last 3 years has been in default to pay, on the due date, the duties attaching to the licence and registration markers for the amusement machines or a notice of assessment.".

11. Section 11 is amended by striking out "2," in the first paragraph.

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

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Draft Rules

An Act respecting lotteries, publicity contests and amusement machines (chapter L-6)

Amusement machines —Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Rules to amend the Rules respecting amusement machines, appearing below, may be approved by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft rules introduce a number of streamlining and mitigation measures such as allowing licences and markers to be issued for a seasonal period, revoking the provision allowing the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux to require security be furnished to guarantee payment of duties, and relaxing the requirements pertaining to the documents to be produced when an application for a licence is made.

A further purpose of the draft rules is to allow the industry to keep abreast of evolving gaming market demand by removing the prohibition on crediting a prize in order to obtain a more expensive prize from a subsequent game.

Current study of the matter has shown no negative impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Andrée-Anne Garceau, Secretary of the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux, 560, boulevard Charest Est, 2^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1K 3J3, telephone: 418 528-7225, extension 23251; fax: 418 646-5204; email: andree-anne.garceau@racj.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Andrée-Anne Garceau, Secretary of the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux, 560, boulevard Charest Est, 2^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1K 3J3.

GENEVIÈVE GUILBAULT, Minister of Public Security

Rules to amend the Rules respecting amusement machines

An Act respecting lotteries, publicity contests and amusement machines (chapter L-6, s. 20, 1st par., subpars. *e*, *f*, *g*, *i*, *l* and *m*)

1. The Rules respecting amusement machines (chapter L-6, r. 2) are amended in section 2 by striking out "or a merchant licence" in the portion before subparagraph 1.

2. Section 2.1 is amended by adding "and for which the applicant has not obtained a pardon" at the end of paragraph 3.

3. Section 3 is revoked.

4. Section 4 is amended

(1) by replacing paragraph *a* by the following:

"(a) if the operator is a non-profit organization referred to in subparagraph e of the first paragraph of section 119 of the Act, a copy of its letters patent or its certificate of constitution showing its existence and objectives;";

(2) by replacing paragraph *c* by the following:

"(c) where applicable, a list of the directors, shareholders or partners, indicating their names and addresses;";

(3) by replacing paragraph d by the following:

"(d) at the board's request, a detailed technical description of the machine that must include a description of the gaming materials and installation standards;";

(4) by striking out ", by class of amusement machine" in paragraph *e*;

(5) by striking out "for each class of amusement machine," in paragraph *f*;

(6) by striking out paragraph *g*;

(7) by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

"(*h*) for each machine offering the possibility of winning a prize, the nature and value of the prize;

(*i*) at the board's request in the case of a new machine, an engineer's expert report showing that the new machine is in fact an amusement machine, based in particular on its features, parts and components as well as its intended purpose; (*j*) at the board's request in the case of a machine whose components are similar to those of a machine of the same type already qualified as an amusement machine in an expert report, a document drawn up by an engineer certifying that the components of the machine for which the application is made comply with the parameters set in the report."

5. Sections 5 to 7 are revoked.

6. Section 14 is replaced by the following:

"14. The holder of an operator's licence must affix a registration marker issued by the board, where it can be readily seen by the public, to every amusement machine described in section 1.1, introduced by section 2 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting amusement machines made by Order -2019 dated (*date*) that the operator puts at the disposal of the public."

7. Section 15 is revoked.

8. Sections 15.2 to 16 are revoked.

9. The following is inserted after section 16:

"16.1. An amusement machine cannot give a prize in the form of money, gift card, lottery ticket, tobacco, alcoholic beverages or cannabis and its by-products.".

10. Section 17 is revoked.

11. Section 24 is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

"The holder shall also, for a period of 4 years, keep in the same place, for each machine, the invoice or other documents pertaining to the acquisition, sale or disposal of the property.".

12. Section 25 is amended

(1) by replacing "holder of a merchant's or" in the first paragraph by "an";

(2) by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

"The holder shall keep at least one copy of the invoice for a period of 4 years.".

13. These Rules come into force on the fifteenth day following the date of their publication in the *Gazette* officielle du Québec.

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