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Bill 47
(2019, chapter 30)

**An Act to ensure the implementation
of certain measures of the
2020–2024 partnership agreement
between the Gouvernement du
Québec and the municipalities**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Act amends the Act respecting the Ministère des Affaires municipales, des Régions et de l'Occupation du territoire to replace the name of the Territories Development Fund by "Regions and Rurality Fund" and to provide that the Fund may also be dedicated to any other measure to develop the regions or further their influence or any other intermunicipal cooperation measure.

The Act increases, for the municipal fiscal years 2020 to 2024, the percentages for the compensations standing in lieu of taxes set out in the Act respecting municipal taxation and paid by the Government to the municipalities for immovables in the elementary and secondary education network, the higher education network and the health and social services network.

Lastly, the Act contains consequential provisions.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Act respecting the Ministère des Affaires municipales, des Régions et de l'Occupation du territoire (chapter M-22.1).

REGULATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Regulation respecting compensations in lieu of taxes (chapter F-2.1, r. 2).

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES MUNICIPALES, DES RÉGIONS ET DE L'OCCUPATION DU TERRITOIRE

1. The heading of Division IV.4 preceding section 21.18 of the Act respecting the Ministère des Affaires municipales, des Régions et de l'Occupation du territoire (chapter M-22.1) is amended by replacing “TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT” by “REGIONS AND RURALITY”.

2. Section 21.18 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “Territories Development” in the first paragraph by “Regions and Rurality”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The Fund may also be dedicated to financing any other measure to develop the regions or further their influence, or any other intermunicipal cooperation measure.”

3. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 21.18:

“21.18.1. The Minister may, as the person responsible for the Fund, grant any financial assistance.

The sums required for the payment of the financial assistance are debited from the Fund.

The Minister may, to the extent provided by the Minister, allow the recipient of such assistance to use it despite the Municipal Aid Prohibition Act (chapter I-15).”

REGULATION RESPECTING COMPENSATIONS IN LIEU OF TAXES

4. Section 32.1 of the Regulation respecting compensations in lieu of taxes (chapter F-2.1, r. 2) is amended by replacing “2019” in the first paragraph by “2024”.

MISCELLANEOUS, TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

5. For the purposes of the second and third paragraphs of section 255 of the Act respecting municipal taxation (chapter F-2.1), to compute an amount paid for any of the municipal fiscal years 2020 to 2024, the multiplier “80%” in those paragraphs is replaced by “84.5%”.

For the purposes of the fourth paragraph of that section, to compute an amount paid for any of the municipal fiscal years 2020 to 2024, the multiplier “25%” in that paragraph is replaced by “71.5%”.

6. For the purpose of establishing the standardized property value of a local municipality for the municipal fiscal years 2021 to 2025, paragraph 7 of section 261.1 of the Act respecting municipal taxation is to be read as follows:

“(7) in the case of immovables referred to in the second or third paragraph of section 255, that part of their standardized non-taxable values which corresponds to 84.5% and, in the case of immovables referred to in the fourth paragraph of that section, that part of their standardized non-taxable values which corresponds to 71.5%;”.

Section 261.3.1 of the Act respecting municipal taxation does not apply for the municipal fiscal years 2020 to 2024.

7. Unless the context indicates otherwise, in any Act, regulation or other document, “Territories Development Fund”, where it concerns the fund established by section 21.18 of the Act respecting the Ministère des Affaires municipales, des Régions et de l’Occupation du territoire (chapter M-22.1), as it existed before being amended by section 2, is replaced by “Regions and Rurality Fund”.

8. This Act comes into force on 11 December 2019.