

Regulations and other Acts

M.O., 2024

Order 2024-01 of the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility dated 12 January 2024

Highway Safety Code
(chapter C-24.2)

Amendment to the Ministerial Order concerning the suspension of the prohibition from driving a road vehicle on bridge P-10942 of autoroute 30 subject to a toll under the Act respecting transport infrastructure partnerships unless the toll and fees are paid in accordance with that Act

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY,

CONSIDERING section 417.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), which provides that it is prohibited to drive a road vehicle on a public road subject to a toll under the Act respecting transport infrastructure partnerships (chapter P-9.001) unless the toll and fees are paid in accordance with that Act;

CONSIDERING section 633.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), which provides that the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility may, by order and after consultation with the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, suspend the application of a provision of the Code or the regulations for the period specified by the Minister if the Minister considers that it is in the interest of the public and is not likely to compromise highway safety;

CONSIDERING that section 633.2 of the Highway Safety Code section provides that the publication requirement set out in section 8 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1) does not apply to such an order;

CONSIDERING section 18 of the Regulations Act, which provides that a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* where the authority that has made it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it and the reason justifying such coming into force must be published with the regulation;

CONSIDERING Ministerial Order 2023-29 (2023, G.O. 2, 2931A) concerning the suspension of the prohibition from driving a road vehicle on bridge P-10942 of autoroute 30 subject to a toll under the Act respecting transport infrastructure partnerships unless the toll and fees are paid in accordance with that Act;

CONSIDERING that it is appropriate to amend that Order to maintain and adapt the suspension period for the prohibition from driving a road vehicle on bridge P-10942 of autoroute 30 subject to a toll under the Act respecting transport infrastructure partnerships unless the toll and fees are paid in accordance with that Act;

CONSIDERING that the Minister considers that the suspension is in the interest of the public and is not likely to compromise highway safety;

CONSIDERING that the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec has been consulted;

CONSIDERING that the Minister is of the opinion that there is an urgent situation owing to the following circumstances:

— work must be carried out in the short term on the Île-aux-Tourtes bridge, which will result in the reopening of three lanes to road vehicle traffic and the revoking of Ministerial Order 2023-29 (2023, G.O. 2, 2931A);

— the reopening is insufficient, however, to improve traffic flow and to mitigate the impact of road congestion;

— work must still be carried out on the Île-aux-Tourtes bridge requiring its partial closure;

— the mobility of persons and goods during the closure must be ensured while promoting traffic flow and mitigating the impact of road congestion;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 1 of Order 2023-29 (2023, G.O. 2, 2931A) concerning the suspension of the prohibition from driving a road vehicle on bridge P-10942 of autoroute 30 subject to a toll under the Act respecting transport infrastructure partnerships unless the toll and fees are paid in accordance with that Act is amended by replacing “drives a road

vehicle on bridge P-10942 of autoroute 30 until the date of reopening of Île-aux-Tourtes bridge to road vehicle traffic on at least three lanes” by “drives a road vehicle eastbound on bridge P-10942 of autoroute 30 between 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., except on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays, until the date of reopening of Île-aux-Tourtes bridge to road vehicle traffic on at least four lanes”.

2. This Order comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

Québec, 12 January 2024

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