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Bill 96

An Act to amend the Environment Quality Act

Introduction



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill amending the Environment Quality Act authorizes the Government to make regulations prescribing the time limits applicable to the environmental impact assessment and review procedure for the different categories of projects subject to that procedure.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 31.9 of the Environment Quality Act (R.S.Q., chapter Q-2) is amended

(1) by inserting, after subparagraph *c* of the first paragraph, the following subparagraph:

“(c.1) prescribe, in addition to the time limits mentioned in subparagraph *c*, any other time limit applicable to the environmental impact assessment and review procedure for one or more categories of projects subject to that procedure, in particular, the time limits within which the decisions of the Minister or the Government made under sections 31.2 to 31.5 must be rendered;”;

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

“The Government may, if it is of the opinion that it is warranted by the circumstances, extend in respect of a project any time limit prescribed pursuant to subparagraph *c* or *c.1* of the first paragraph.”

2. This Act comes into force on (*insert here the date of assent to this Act*).