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Bill 1

An Act to amend the Act respecting electrical installations

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends the Act respecting electrical installations to enable the Government to prohibit the sale or rental, as part of an electrical installation or otherwise, of electric appliances and apparatus not approved by recognized agencies.

This bill also provides that, in the cases established by regulation, licence holders will be required to have plans and specifications in their possession before undertaking any work and that a copy of the plans and specifications will have to be sent to the board of examiners with the permit application. Amounts exigible for the issue of a licence will henceforth be established by regulation, and any person making false declarations in relation to an application for a connection will be liable to the penalties prescribed for declarations made in relation to the issue of licences and permits.

In addition, the bill permits that the powers of inspection conferred on persons other than inspectors appointed under the Act respecting electrical installations be exercisable on a permanent basis, and specifies the nature of electrical installation work which will require a permit.

Finally, the bill repeals certain provisions which have become obsolete and makes the necessary concordance amendments.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 1 of the Act respecting electrical installations (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.01) is replaced by the following section:

“1. The provisions of this Act do not apply to mines within the meaning of section 218 of the Mining Act (1987, chapter 64).”

2. Section 2 of the said Act is amended by striking out paragraph 5.

3. Section 3 of the said Act is replaced by the following section:

“3. In the cases provided for by regulation, the holder of a licence must, before commencing work on a new electrical installation or on additions or alterations to an existing electrical installation, have in his possession the plans and specifications for such work. A copy of the plans and specifications must be sent to the board of examiners with the permit application.

These plans and specifications must include the information required by regulation.”

4. Section 4 of the said Act is amended by replacing the words “to or changes in” in the second line of the first paragraph by the words “, alterations or repairs to”.

5. Section 5 of the said Act is amended by striking out the words “, under the penalties hereinafter enacted,” in the third and fourth lines.

6. Section 6 of the said Act is amended by striking out the second paragraph.

7. Section 8 of the said Act is amended by replacing the words “and fix the fees for inspection and approval of the plans contemplated in section 3” in the fourth and fifth lines by the words “and fix inspection fees”.

8. Section 10 of the said Act is amended

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

“(b) prohibit the sale, rental, installation or use of any wires, cables, conduits, accessories, appliances, apparatus or materials that have not been approved for the purposes of electrical installations by the bodies it determines;”;

(2) by inserting, after paragraph *b*, the following paragraph:

“(b.1) prohibit the sale or rental of wires, cables, accessories and apparatus which can be supplied by an electrical installation and have not been approved by the bodies it determines;”;

(3) by adding, after paragraph *d*, the following paragraph:

“(e) determine the cases where wires, cables, accessories and apparatus which can be supplied by an electrical installation may be exempted from the application of this Act or the regulations on the conditions it may fix.”

9. Section 16.1 of the said Act is amended by striking out the word “temporarily” in the first line.

10. Section 17 of the said Act is amended by striking out the words “or a certificate issued by the board of examiners,” in the seventh and eighth lines.

11. Section 19 of the said Act is amended by striking out subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph.

12. Sections 25 and 26 of the said Act are repealed.

13. Section 27 of the said Act is amended by striking out the words “for the approval of plans,” in the first and second lines.

14. Section 31 of the said Act is amended by replacing the words “, permit or certificate” in the first and second lines of paragraph *a* by the words “or permit or when applying for a connection”.

15. Section 36 of the said Act is amended by replacing the words “six months” in the second line of subsection 3 by the words “one year”.

16. The heading of Division IX of the said Act is amended by striking out the words “AND SECRETARY”.

17. Sections 39, 40 and 42 of the said Act are repealed.

18. This Act comes into force on (*insert here the date of assent to this Act*) except section 12, which will come into force on the date to be fixed by the Government.