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Bill 27

An Act to amend the Watercourses Act

Introduction

Introduced by
Madam Lise Bacon
Minister of Energy and Resources



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The object of this bill is to replace the formula used to establish the additional charge that holders of hydraulic powers are required to pay every year to the Minister of Energy and Resources.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 68 of the Watercourses Act (R.S.Q., chapter R-13) is replaced by the following section:

“68. Every holder of hydraulic powers in Québec shall pay to the Minister of Energy and Resources, per thousand kilowatt-hours of electricity generated during the year and derived from such hydraulic powers, an additional charge of one dollar and fifty-eight cents fixed for the year 1990.

The rate of the charge shall subsequently be adjusted annually according to the percentage increase in the average of the Consumer Price Index for Canada, as published by Statistics Canada under the Statistics Act (Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985, chapter S-19), for the twelve months of the preceding year over that for the twelve months of the year preceding that year.

Where an annual average or the percentage computed under the second paragraph or where the rate of the charge thus adjusted has more than two decimals, only the first two decimals are kept and the second decimal is increased by a unit if the third decimal is 5 or over.

The Minister shall publish, in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, the rate of the charge thus adjusted.”

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