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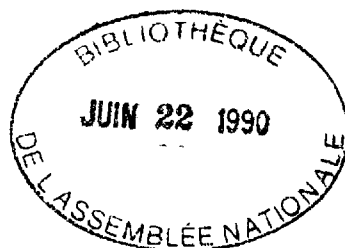
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Bill 191

An Act respecting the Conseil québécois de la toxicomanie

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill establishes the Conseil québécois de la toxicomanie whose function will be to advise the Minister designated by the Government on any matter related to alcohol and drug abuse.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

DIVISION I

ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION

1. A council is hereby established under the name “Conseil québécois de la toxicomanie”.

2. The secretariat of the council shall be located at the place determined by the Government. Notice of the location shall be published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

3. The council shall consist of the following members, appointed by the Government on the recommendation of the minister responsible for the administration of this Act:

(1) the chairman and the vice-chairman;

(2) three persons selected from among the persons recommended by the most representative associations and groups involved in the treatment or prevention of drug or alcohol abuse;

(3) three persons selected from among the persons recommended by the associations most representative of the business, labour and cooperation sectors;

(4) three persons selected from among the persons recommended by the most representative socioeconomic groups;

(5) three persons selected from among the persons recommended by the academic community.

The council shall be composed so as to take into account the various regions of Québec.

4. The term of office of the chairman and the vice-chairman shall not exceed five years. The other members shall be appointed for three years, except for six of the first members of the council who shall be appointed for two years.

The chairman, vice-chairman and members shall remain in office at the end of their terms until they are replaced or reappointed.

5. Any vacancy occurring during the term of office of a member shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term of the member to be replaced.

6. The following persons shall be ex officio members of the council but they have no vote: the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services, the Deputy Minister of Education, the Deputy Minister of Justice, the Deputy Minister of Public Security, the Deputy Minister of Manpower, Income Security and Skills Development, the Deputy Minister of Labour and the Deputy Minister of Transport, or their delegate.

7. The chairman shall direct the activities of the council and coordinate its work.

The vice-chairman shall assist the chairman in the performance of his duties.

8. The chairman and the vice-chairman shall hold office on a full-time basis.

The remuneration, social benefits and other conditions of employment of the chairman and vice-chairman shall be fixed by the Government.

9. The members of the council, other than the chairman and the vice-chairman, shall receive no remuneration except in the cases, on the conditions and to the extent which may be determined by the Government.

They are entitled, however, to reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, on the conditions and to the extent which may be determined by the Government.

10. If the chairman is unable to act, he shall be replaced by the vice-chairman for as long as he is incapacitated.

11. The council may hold its sittings anywhere in Québec.

A majority of the members, including the chairman, constitutes a quorum at sittings of the council.

In the case of a tie, the chairman shall have a casting vote.

12. The secretary and other members of the personnel of the council shall be appointed and remunerated in accordance with the Public Service Act (R.S.Q., chapter F-3.1.1).

13. The council may adopt by-laws for its internal management. The by-laws, to have effect, must be approved by the Government.

DIVISION II

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

14. The function of the council is to advise the Minister on any matter related to drug or alcohol abuse.

15. The council may, in the performance of its duties,

(1) establish and manage a research centre on drug or alcohol abuse;

(2) establish and manage an education and information centre for the prevention of drug or alcohol abuse;

(3) promote the treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts;

(4) assist other agencies established to fight drug or alcohol abuse;

(5) give opinions and submit recommendations to the Minister.

16. The council shall, in addition, give its opinion on any matter or project related to drug or alcohol abuse which is submitted to it by the Minister.

17. The opinions of the council shall be transmitted to the Minister who must make them public within the following 60 days.

18. The council may set up committees to examine specific questions and determine the duties and powers of such committees.

The committees may be composed, in whole or in part, of persons who are not members of the council.

The members of the committees receive no remuneration except in the cases, on the conditions and to the extent which may be determined by the Government. They are entitled, however, to reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, on the conditions and to the extent which may be determined by the Government.

DIVISION III

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

19. The fiscal year of the council ends on 31 March each year.

20. The council may receive and accept gifts, grants, legacies or contributions from any person, corporation or body wishing to assist it in achieving its objectives.

Such gifts, grants, legacies or contributions shall not be paid into the consolidated revenue fund but shall constitute a special fund managed by the council; the sums so paid into the fund and the revenues they generate shall be managed by the council in accordance with the standards established by the Minister of Finance and used in accordance with the standards established by the minister responsible for the administration of this Act.

21. On or before 30 September each year, the council shall transmit to the Minister a report of its activities for the preceding fiscal year.

22. The Minister shall table the report before the National Assembly within 30 days of receiving it if the Assembly is in session or, if it is not sitting, within 30 days of opening of the next session or of resumption.

23. The Government shall designate the Minister responsible for the administration of this Act.

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