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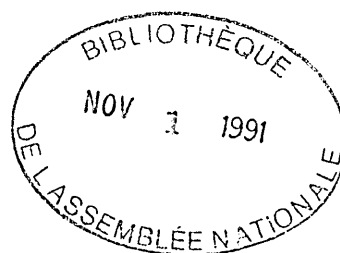
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Bill 168

An Act to amend the Forest Act

Introduction

Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The object of this bill is to amend the Forest Act in order to confirm the power of the Government to collect interest on any unpaid balance of exigible dues.

In addition, it amends the rules governing the qualifications required to obtain a timber supply and forest management agreement in a case involving the acquisition of a plant in respect of which exigible dues would not have been paid in full.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Forest Act (R.S.Q., chapter F-4.1) is amended by inserting, after section 6, the following section:

“**6.1** Interest shall be charged on any unpaid balance of dues exigible under this Act from the thirtieth day following the date of billing, at the rate determined under section 28 of the Act respecting the Ministère du Revenu (R.S.Q., chapter M-31). The interest is capitalized monthly.”

2. Section 37 of the said Act is amended by adding the following paragraphs:

“Moreover, any person so authorized who acquires a plant, or the right to operate a plant, which is or has been operated under a timber supply and forest management agreement is so qualified only if the dues exigible from the holder of such agreement have been paid in full.

The second paragraph does not apply if the holder has made an assignment of property or if a receiving order has been made against him under the Bankruptcy Act (R.S.C. (1985), chapter B-3).”

3. Section 1 has effect from 1 April 1987.

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