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Bill 119

**An Act to amend the Act respecting
lotteries, racing, publicity contests
and amusement machines**

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The object of this bill is to amend the Act respecting lotteries, racing, publicity contests and amusement machines, in particular, with respect to the replacement of a member of the Régie des loteries et courses du Québec, the quorum and presiding of sittings and the power of inquiry of the Régie.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Sections 10 to 12 of the Act respecting lotteries, racing, publicity contests and amusement machines (R.S.Q., chapter L-6) are replaced by the following sections:

“10. If the president is unable to act, is absent, resigns or is removed, the vice-president shall act as president while the president is unable to act or absent or until a new president is appointed.

If the vice-president is unable to act, resigns or is removed, the Government may designate another member to act as vice-president while the vice-president is unable to act or until a new vice-president is appointed.

If another member is unable to act, the Government may appoint an additional member to exercise the functions of such member while he is unable to act, and fix the salary and, where that is the case, the additional salary, the fees and allowances as well as the indemnities of that additional member.

“11. Notwithstanding section 10, whenever, as a result of his inability to act, his resignation or his replacement, a member of the board cannot pursue the hearing of a matter of which he has been seized, another member may, with the consent of the parties, pursue the hearing and render a decision.

“12. Sitzings of the board shall be presided by the president or the vice-president.

In the absence of the vice-president, a sitting of the board may be presided by any other member designated by the president.

In case of a tie-vote, the member presiding the sitting has a casting vote.

“12.1 Three members are a quorum of the board.

However, a decision of the board is valid if it is signed by a majority of the members who participated in the hearing.”

2. Section 71 of the said Act is replaced by the following section:

“71. The board may, for the purposes of this Act, the regulations or the rules, make any inquiry it considers necessary or authorize one of its members or another person to make such an inquiry.”

3. Section 80 of the said Act is replaced by the following section:

“80. The board, one of its members or another person making an inquiry under this Act has the powers and immunity of a commissioner appointed under the Act respecting public inquiry commissions (R.S.Q., chapter C-37), except the power to impose imprisonment.”

4. The first paragraph of section 12.1 of the Act respecting lotteries, racing, publicity contests and amusement machines, enacted by section 1, has effect from 22 December 1978, except in respect of cases pending before the courts to which the board is a party on *(insert here the date of introduction of this bill in the National Assembly)*.

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