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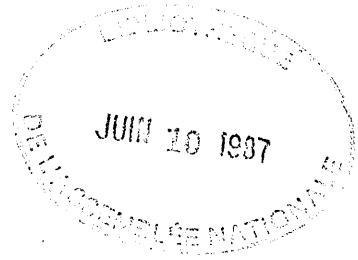
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 37

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec

Introduction

**Introduced by
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Minister of Industry and Commerce**



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends sections 25 to 28 of the existing Act to allow holders of a brewer's, distiller's, wine maker's or cider maker's permit to make alcoholic beverages with blended beverages or other products.

It also amends the regulatory powers relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in grocery stores.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 25 of the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec (R.S.Q., chapter S-13) is replaced by the following section:

“25. A brewer’s permit authorizes the holder to

- (1) make beer and bottle it;
- (2) make alcoholic beverages with beer and other non-alcoholic substances and bottle them;
- (3) make, in accordance with the regulations, other alcoholic beverages and bottle them;
- (4) purchase alcoholic beverages provided for by regulation to blend with the products the holder makes.

No holder of such a permit may sell and deliver

- (1) the beer and other alcoholic beverages made with beer and other non-alcoholic substances he makes to anyone but a person holding a permit authorizing him to sell them, unless he ships them out of Québec;
- (2) the beer he makes to anyone but a person holding an industrial permit, for purposes of blending;

(3) the other alcoholic beverages he makes to anyone but the Corporation, unless he ships them out of Québec.”

2. Section 26 of the said Act is amended

(1) by replacing subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph by the following subparagraph:

“(3) purchase or import the alcoholic beverages provided for by regulation to blend them with the products he makes;”;

(2) by replacing the words “a wine or cider maker’s permit holder” in the fifth and sixth lines of the second paragraph by the words “an industrial permit holder”.

3. Section 27 of the said Act is amended

(1) by striking out the words “by means of fermentation” in the second line of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph;

(2) by replacing the words “wine and alcohol” in the first line of subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph by the words “the alcoholic beverages provided for by regulation”;

(3) by adding, at the end of the second paragraph, the following sentence: “He may also sell the wine he makes to a brewer’s or cider maker’s permit holder for purposes of blending.”

4. Section 28 of the said Act, amended by section 5 of chapter 111 of the statutes of 1986, is again amended

(1) by striking out the words “by means of fermentation” in the second line of subparagraph 1.1 of the first paragraph;

(2) by replacing the word “alcohol” in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by the words “the alcoholic beverages provided for by regulation”;

(3) by adding, at the end of the second paragraph, the following sentence: “He may also sell the weak cider he makes to another industrial permit holder for purposes of blending.”

5. Section 29 of the said Act, amended by section 6 of chapter 111 of the statutes of 1986, is again amended by replacing the words “beer or weak cider” in the seventh line of the first paragraph by the words “alcoholic beverages”.

6. Section 37 of the said Act, amended by section 10 of chapter 111 of the statutes of 1986, is again amended by inserting, after the words “or a” in the second line of subparagraph 7 of the first paragraph, the words “brewer’s, cider maker’s or”.

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