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Bill 86

An Act respecting the forestry fund

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The object of this bill is the creation of a special fund to be called the "forestry fund". The fund and the revenues yielded by it will be applied to the financing of works intended for maintaining, improving and increasing the production of ligneous matter on public forest land to ensure a permanent supply.

The fund will be constituted of the amounts voted every year for that purpose by the Legislature and the amounts collected by the Ministre de l'énergie et des ressources from holders of cutting rights.

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HER MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Assemblée nationale du Québec, enacts as follows:

1. A special fund is hereby established under the name of “forestry fund”.

2. The forestry fund shall be funded with the amounts collected by the Ministre de l’énergie et des ressources in accordance with section 6 and the amounts paid into it by the Ministre des finances out of the sums voted every year for that purpose by the Legislature.}]

3. The Ministre des finances is responsible for the management of the forestry fund.

4. The forestry fund and the revenues yielded by it shall be applied to the financing of works intended for maintaining, improving and increasing the production of ligneous matter on public forest land to ensure a permanent supply.

For that purpose, the Ministre de l’énergie et des ressources shall decide the nature and place of interventions related to forestry according to the productivity of the sites, the availability of ligneous matter, the distance of the sources of supply and the guarantees already granted.

5. At the request of the Ministre de l’énergie et des ressources and with the approval of the Government, the Ministre des finances shall pay, out of the forestry fund, the sums required for the planning and carrying out of the works.}]

6. The holder, under any title, of a licence or permit to cut timber issued under the Lands and Forests Act (R.S.Q., c. T-9) shall pay to the Minister an amount which cannot exceed \$1 per cubic metre of wood cut by him on public land.

He shall also pay to the Minister, for each cubic metre of wood, a supplementary amount in respect of an increase in supply in ligneous matter granted to him pursuant to this act in a region where the Ministre de l'énergie et des ressources considers that the potential of forest exploitation for the year has already been entirely granted.

This section does not apply to the holders of permits or licences to cut timber for domestic purposes.

7. The Government may make regulations

(1) to fix the amount payable under the first paragraph of section 6;

(2) to fix the amount payable under the second paragraph of section 6 based on the cost of the development of the whole region concerned;

(3) to determine the time and terms and conditions for the payment of the amounts provided for in section 6.

The regulations shall be published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* and they come into force on the date of their publication or on any later date fixed therein.

8. During the fiscal period 1984-1985 and, thereafter, every five years, the Ministre de l'énergie et des ressources shall draw up a statement of the condition of forests in Québec and table it before the Assemblée nationale du Québec if it is in session or, if it is not, within thirty days of the opening of the next session or resumption.

9. This act will come into force on the date to be fixed by government proclamation.