

THIRD SESSION

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

# ASSEMBLÉE NATIONALE DU QUÉBEC

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## Bill 78

An Act to again amend the Watercourses Act

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First reading .....  
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Ministre des richesses naturelles

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This bill is meant to enable the Government to authorize, on such conditions as it may determine in each case, the transfer, exchange, lease or occupation of the banks and beds of rivers and lakes forming part of the public domain where that power has not been given to the Ministre des richesses naturelles by a regulation of the Government.*

Sec. 1. *The third paragraph of section 2 of the Watercourses Act, amended by this act, reads as follows:*

“The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, from 4 December 1974, on the joint recommendation of the Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister of Lands and Forests, make regulations to authorize the Minister of Natural Resources to grant sales, locations, leases or occupation licences on the banks and beds of rivers and lakes forming part of the public domain, as well as on the bed and foreshore of the sea. The above mentioned expression “banks” means the strip of land bounded by the natural low and high water marks, excluding any overflow.”

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### An Act to again amend the Watercourses Act

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

R.S.,  
c. 84,  
a. 2, am.

**1.** Section 2 of the Watercourses Act (Revised Statutes, 1964, chapter 84), amended by section 1 of chapter 24 of the statutes of 1974, is again amended:

(a) by inserting after the date “1974” in the second line of the third paragraph the following words and numbers: “until *(insert here the date of the coming into force of this bill)*”;

(b) by adding at the end the following paragraph:

Sale, lease,  
etc., of  
bank,  
shore, bed  
of river,  
lake, sea.

“From *(insert here the date of the coming into force of this bill)*, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make a regulation to authorize the Minister of Natural Resources, on such conditions as he may determine, to grant a sale, location, lease or occupation licence on a property mentioned in the preceding paragraph and, in the cases not provided for in that regulation, to authorize, on such conditions as he may determine in each case, the transfer, exchange, lease or occupation of such property.”

Coming  
into force.

**2.** This act comes into force on the day of its sanction.