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Bill 195

An Act to amend the Act respecting the National Assembly

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Under this bill, which amends the Act respecting the National Assembly, a minister introducing a bill in the National Assembly is required to table a report setting out the advantages the bill confers and the revenue or expenditure that will be paid into or taken out of the consolidated revenue fund as a result of the application of the provisions proposed by the bill.

The bill also requires ministers to justify, at least once every six years, in a report tabled before the National Assembly, the maintenance or the amendment of an Act for which they are responsible. A schedule for the tabling of such reports will be established by government regulation.

Under the bill, such reports must be signed by the head of the agency or the Deputy Minister and the competent assistant or associate Deputy Minister.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Act respecting the National Assembly (R.S.Q., chapter A-23.1) is amended by inserting, after section 30, the following sections:

“30.1 A minister may present a bill only if it is accompanied with a report setting out the advantages the bill confers and the revenue or expenditure that will be paid into or taken out of the consolidated revenue fund as a result of the application of the provisions it proposes, for the fiscal year in which the bill is adopted and the two following fiscal years.

The report shall specify and identify, section by section or by group of sections, the provisions of the bill having consequences for the consolidated revenue fund and shall determine the financial effects of those provisions in terms of advantages, revenue and expenditure.

A minister shall be exempt from the obligation to table the report referred to in the first paragraph if the reason invoked is urgency.

“30.2 A minister shall, in a report tabled before the Assembly, justify, at least once every six years, the advisability of maintaining or amending an Act for which he is responsible. The report shall include an analysis, section by section or by group of sections, of the advantages, revenue and expenditure generated by the Act and an evaluation of the human, material and financial resources required to maintain its application.

The Government shall establish by regulation, before (*insert here the date occurring four months after the date on which this Act is assented to*), a schedule for the tabling of the reports referred to in the first paragraph for the following six years.

“30.3 The reports described in sections 30.1 and 30.2 must be signed, where applicable, by the head of the agency or the Deputy Minister and the competent assistant or associate Deputy Minister.”

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