



## CHAPTER 29

### An Act respecting the sale of unwrought precious metals

[Assented to, the 22nd of June, 1940]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

**1.** This act may be cited as the: “Unwrought Short title. Metal Sales Act”.

**2.** In this act and in the regulations thereunder, “Unwrought metal” the expression “unwrought metal” means gold, silver, platinum or other precious metal in:

1. ore the value whereof exceeds twenty-five cents per pound *avoirdupois* weight;
2. nuggets, amalgams, concentrates or residues obtained from the treatment of ore;
3. ingots, bars, wire, beads or sheets.

**3.** No person shall, without being the holder of a License to sell, etc. license from the Minister of Mines, receive, purchase, sell or alienate unwrought metal in this Province.

**4.** No person shall, in this Province, sell or deliver Selling, etc., only to holder of license. unwrought metal to a person who does not hold such a license, nor receive or purchase it from such person.

**5.** The above provisions do not apply to:

Exceptions.

1. the person who purchases, from the holder of a license, unwrought metal delivered in a form suitable for industrial, artistic or scientific purposes;

2. the person who sells less than three ounces of unwrought metal per month.

**Regulations.**     **6.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make regulations:

*a.* to regulate the issuing, renewal and cancellation of licenses;

*b.* to determine the cost, the conditions and the duration thereof;

*c.* to prohibit the holders of licenses from doing business at certain hours, upon certain days of the week and in certain localities;

*d.* to oblige the holders of licenses to enter in registers or records, all operations relating to unwrought metal and to transmit reports containing the information deemed necessary in this connection;

*e.* to authorize, upon conditions deemed expedient, the holders of licenses to purchase or receive unwrought metal from certain categories of persons not holding licenses;

*f.* generally, for the proper carrying out of this act.

**Offence and  
penalty.**

**7.** Any person infringing the provisions of this act or of the regulations made under its authority, commits an unlawful act and shall be liable, for the first offence, to a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars and costs, and, for any subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars with costs and to imprisonment for not more than one year.

**Coming into  
force.**

**8.** This act shall come into force upon such date as the Lieutenant-Governor may be pleased to fix by proclamation.