



CHAPTER 36

An Act respecting the radio

[Assented to, the 4th of April, 1931]

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 *Quebec Radio Act, 1931*. Short title.
2. In this act the following words, expressions and Interpretation-terms shall have the meaning and application respectively attributed to them, that is:
 1. The word "Minister" means the Minister of Lands and "Minister"; Forests;
 2. The word "radio-transmitter" includes any apparatus "Radio-transmitter" and accessories thereof for the wireless transmission of electric signals reproducing speech, singing and music;
 3. The word "radio-receiver" includes any apparatus "Radio-receiver" and its accessories for receiving electric signals reproducing speech, singing and music transmitted by wireless;
 4. The word "license" means the license required by "License"; this act;
 5. The word "regulations" means the regulations adopt-"Regulations"; ed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under this act;
 6. The word "person" includes also a partnership or "Person"; corporation;
 7. The words "to have in his possession" mean to be "To have in his possession" owner, lessee, or possessor under any title whatsoever, to be in charge of or have the control of a radio-transmitter, of a radio-receiver or of both.
3. It is forbidden for any person to have in his possession License re- and to put into operation or to have in his possession with quired. intent to put into operation a radio-transmitter or a radio-receiver, or both, unless he holds a license still in force.

- Issuing of license.** **4.** Such license shall be issued by the Minister and remains in force until the thirty-first day of December following the date of the issue thereof.
- Annulment.** The Minister, however, may annul the license if the holder thereof infringes the provisions of this act or of the regulations.
- Cost.** The cost of the license shall be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council but shall not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars for a radio-transmitter and twenty-five cents for a radio-receiver.
- Justice of the peace, etc., may issue search warrant in certain case.** **5.** Any justice of the peace, judge of sessions, police or district magistrate, who is satisfied by information on oath that there is reasonable ground for supposing that, in any place, any person has in his possession and puts into operation or has in his possession with intent to put into operation a radio-transmitter or a radio-receiver or both, without being the holder of a license still in force, may issue a search warrant to any police officer, constable or any person named therein.
- Authority conferred by warrant.** Such warrant shall be sufficient authority for such officer, constable or person to enter such place, inspect same and to seize therein any radio-transmitter, radio-receiver or both, which the person against whom the warrant is issued possesses in contravention of this act or of the regulations.
- Showing of license.** **6.** Every person must show the license, or certificate of capacity prescribed by the regulations, if requested so to do by any person generally or specially thereunto authorized by the Minister.
- Regulations which may be made by Lt.-Gov. in Council.** **7.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make, amend or repeal regulations:
- a. To prescribe the form of the license and the conditions and restrictions of its issue;
 - b. To classify radio-transmitters and prescribe the type and power of the regular equipment and of the emergency equipment of radio-transmitters;
 - c. To fix the hours during which each radio-transmitter may operate;
 - d. To determine the various classes of certificates of capacity of the persons employed to operate a radio-transmitter;
 - e. To determine the subjects of examination for persons desirous of obtaining certificates of capacity as operators of a radio-transmitter;

f. For the inspection of radio-transmitters and radio-receivers;

g. To compel every person having possession or control of a radio-transmitter to receive from such other stations as he may determine electric signals reproducing speech, singing or music sent by another radio-transmitter, and to transmit same by the radio-transmitter in his possession or control;

h. To secure the censuring and control of the subjects which may be transmitted by a radio-transmitter;

i. To order anything necessary for the carrying into effect of the provisions of this act and of the regulations.

8. All regulations adopted under the preceding section must be published in the *Quebec Official Gazette* and shall come into force on the date of such publication. Publication of regulations.

9. 1. Every person who infringes section 3 of this act shall be liable, in addition to the costs: Offences and penalties.

a. If accused of having had in his possession and having put into operation or of having had in his possession with intent to put into operation, without being the holder of a license still in force, a radio-receiver, to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, and, in default of payment of the fine and costs, to an imprisonment not exceeding one month; or

b. If accused of having had in his possession and having put into operation or of having had in his possession with intent to put into operation, without being the holder of a license still in force, a radio-transmitter, to a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, and, in default of payment of the fine and costs, to imprisonment for not less than one month nor more than three months.

2. Every person who infringes any provision of this act except that of section 3, or who infringes any provision of the regulations, shall be liable, in addition to costs, to the penalties enacted in paragraph *a* of subsection 1 of this section. Idem.

3. Every radio-transmitter and every radio-receiver possessed in contravention of this act may be declared forfeited to the Crown. Confiscation.

10. All the technicians, officers and employees necessary for the carrying out of this act may be appointed and remunerated in conformity with the provisions of the Civil Service Act or the Outside Service Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapters 10 and 10A). Appointment, etc., of technicians, etc.

Payment of
expenses.

11. The expenses occasioned by the carrying out of this act shall be paid by the Provincial Treasurer, out of the consolidated revenue fund, upon certificate of the Minister.

Coming into
force.

12. This act shall come into force on the date which the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may be pleased to fix by proclamation.