



CHAPTER 95

An Act to amend the Quebec Insurance Act

[Assented to, the 11th of March, 1931]

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

1. Section 156 of the Quebec Insurance Act (Revised R. S., c. 243, Statutes, 1925, chapter 243) is replaced by the following: s. 156, replaced.

“156. 1. Subject to its by-laws or constitution, any company or association registered under this act may acquire and hold absolutely, for its own use and benefit, such immovable property as it may find necessary or useful for the carrying on of its business, and any immovable property pledged or hypothecated in its favour may be purchased by it for the protection of its investments, and it may sell, hypothecate, lease or otherwise dispose of its immovable property. Powers of company as to immovable property.

2. No insurance company or association shall contract with any of its auditors, administrators, directors or executive officers having as an object any loan or credit, or any borrowing of money, and every attempt to so lend or borrow is prohibited. Certain contracts with officers prohibited.

2. The said act is amended by adding thereto, after section 156 thereof, the following section: R. S., c. 243, s. 156a. added.

“156a. 1. The company or association shall not hold immovable property acquired in payment of a debt, for any period exceeding seven years from the date of the acquisition thereof, or beyond any extension of such period of seven years as in this section provided; and such immovable property must be sold or absolutely disposed of, Period of holding, etc., immovable property.

within such period or extended period, as the case may be, so that the company or association shall no longer retain any interest therein, unless by way of security.

Extension
of period.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct that the time for the sale or disposal of such immoveable property be extended for a further period or periods, not to exceed five years in all.

Forfeiture.

3. Any immoveable property acquired in payment of a debt, held for a longer period than authorized by the foregoing provisions of this section, shall be liable to be forfeited to His Majesty for the benefit of the Province; provided that,—

a. No such forfeiture shall be put into effect until the expiration of at least six calendar months after notice in writing to the company or association, by the Superintendent of Insurance, of the intention of His Majesty to claim such forfeiture; and

b. The company or association may, notwithstanding such notice and before the forfeiture is effected, sell or alienate such immoveable property without it being liable to forfeiture.”

Provisions
applicable.

3. The provisions of section 2 of this act shall apply to all immoveable property heretofore acquired by any company or association, registered under the Quebec Insurance Act, in payment of a debt, and to all immoveable property acquired in payment of a debt held by any such company or association on or before the 11th of March, 1931.

Coming into
force.

4. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.