



CHAPTER 150

An Act to amend the charter of The Association of Optometrists and Opticians of the Province of Quebec

[Assented to, the 20th of March, 1930]

WHEREAS The Association of Optometrists and Opticians of the Province of Quebec, incorporated by the act 6 Edward VII, chapter 89, as amended by the acts 9 Edward VII, chapter 130; 2 George V, chapter 110; 4 George V, chapter 120; 9 George V, chapter 129; 16 George V, chapter 87, and 17 George V, chapter 102, has, by its petition, represented that, for the proper administration of the said Association and the protection of the public, certain amendments should be made to its charter and certain additional powers inherent to its maintenance be granted to it and its rights and obligations be better defined; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer to that effect contained in the said petition;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Section 6*k* of the act 6 Edward VII, chapter 89, as enacted by the act 17 George V, chapter 102, section 4, is replaced by the following:

“6*k*. Each elector shall mark a cross in the square for that purpose on the ballot-paper opposite no more than six names of candidates in the Montreal division, and opposite one name in each of the other divisions; but, in the event that no candidate or an insufficient number of candidates have been presented in any of the four divisions, the elector may give such vote or votes to any candidate of another division, provided he gives only one vote to each candidate.”

6 Ed. VII, c. 89, ss. 10a-10c, added. **2.** The act 6 Edward VII, chapter 89, is amended by inserting therein, after section 10 thereof, the following sections:

Duty of council to hear and decide charges or complaints.

"10a. It shall be the duty of the council to enquire into, hear and decide, but subject to appeal to the members of the Association in general meeting assembled, under section 11a of this act, any charge or complaint against a member of The Association of Optometrists and Opticians of the Province of Quebec for an infringement of his professional duties or any act derogatory to the honor or dignity of the profession.

Acts derogatory to professional honor.

"10b. The following acts are declared to be derogatory to professional honor:

1. The fact of being found guilty of any criminal offence before a court of competent jurisdiction;
2. The habitual abuse of alcoholic liquor, cocaine, or any other drug or narcotic preparation.

Disciplinary penalties.

"10c. The disciplinary penalties which may be imposed upon the members by the council are:

- a. Deprivation of the right to be elected to the council, for a period not exceeding two years;
- b. Deprivation of the right to vote at elections of members of the council for a period not exceeding two years;
- c. Censure;
- d. Dismissal from the council;
- e. Suspension from the practice of the profession of optometrist-optician, which shall *ipso facto* entail during suspension the dismissal of such member from The Association of Optometrists and Opticians of the Province of Quebec.
- f. There shall always be appeal to the Superior Court."

Coming into force.

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