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An Act to amend the Public Health Protection Act

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill amends the Public Health Protection Act to provide that a permit will be required for the operation of a gametes or embryo conservation centre, and to allow educational institutions, and not exclusively universities, to receive unclaimed bodies.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL :

- Public Health Protection Act (R.S.Q., chapter P-35);
- Act to amend the Public Health Protection Act (1990, chapter 55);
- Act respecting administrative justice (1996, chapter 54).

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS :

1. Section 1 of the Public Health Protection Act (R.S.Q., chapter P-35) is amended by inserting, after subparagraph *m* of the first paragraph, the following subparagraph :

“(m.1) “gametes or embryo conservation centre” means premises outside a facility maintained by an institution operating a hospital centre, designed for the collection, conservation or distribution of human gametes or embryos with a view to using the gametes or embryos for medical or scientific purposes;”.

2. Section 31 of the said Act is amended by replacing the words “or an organ and tissue bank” in the first line of the first paragraph by the words “, an organ and tissue bank or a gametes or embryo conservation centre”.

3. Section 58 of the said Act is amended by replacing the word “universities” in the fourth line of the first paragraph by the words “educational institutions”.

4. Section 59 of the said Act is amended

(1) by replacing the words “a university” in the first line of the first paragraph by the words “an educational institution”;

(2) by replacing the word “university” in the first line of the third paragraph by the words “educational institution”.

5. Section 60 of the said Act is amended by replacing the words “no university agrees to accept” in the first line of the first paragraph by the words “have not been accepted by an educational institution”.

6. Section 62 of the said Act is amended by replacing the words “a university” in the first line by the words “an educational institution”.

7. Section 63 of the said Act, amended by section 784 of chapter 2 of the statutes of 1996, is again amended by replacing the word “university” in the fifth line by the words “educational institution”.

8. Section 69 of the said Act is amended by inserting the words “gametes or embryo conservation centre,” after the word “bank,” in the second line of subparagraph *b* of the first paragraph.

9. Section 3 of the Act to amend the Public Health Protection Act (1990, chapter 55) is amended by inserting the words “or a gametes or embryo conservation centre” after the word “bank” in the first line of the first paragraph of section 31 of the Public Health Protection Act as amended by the said section 3.

10. Section 24 of the Act respecting administrative justice (1996, chapter 54) is amended by inserting the words “to a gametes or embryo conservation centre,” after the word “bank,” in the eighth line.

11. This Act comes into force on the date or dates to be fixed by the Government.