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Bill 433  
(1998, chapter 18)

**An Act to amend the Professional Code  
with respect to the title  
of psychotherapist**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*The object of this bill is to regulate the use of the title of psychotherapist.*

*The bill provides that no person may use that title unless the person is a member of a professional order and the holder of a valid permit for that purpose.*

*The Office des professions shall determine, by regulation approved by the Government, which professional orders may issue the permit and prescribe standards in that respect.*

*Lastly, the bill contains provisions relating to the suspension and revocation of the permit.*

## Bill 433

### AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL CODE WITH RESPECT TO THE TITLE OF PSYCHOTHERAPIST

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS :

**1.** Section 182.1 of the Professional Code (R.S.Q., chapter C-26) is amended

(1) by replacing “or” in the second line of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph by a comma ;

(2) by inserting “or the second paragraph of section 187.4” after “55.1” in the second line of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph.

**2.** Section 182.2 of the said Code is amended by inserting “or the second paragraph of section 187.4 of this Code” after “Medical Act (chapter M-9)” in the second line of the sixth paragraph.

**3.** The said Code is amended by inserting, after section 187, the following :

#### “CHAPTER VI.1

#### “PSYCHOTHERAPIST’S PERMIT

“**187.1.** No person may use the title of psychotherapist or any other title or abbreviation which may lead to the belief that the person is a psychotherapist unless the person is a member of a professional order and holds a valid permit for that purpose issued in accordance with the standards prescribed under this chapter.

“**187.2.** The Office shall determine, by regulation, which professional orders may issue a psychotherapist’s permit.

In addition, the Office shall fix, by regulation, standards for the issue of a psychotherapist’s permit. For that purpose, the Office may determine standards or classes of standards which may vary according to each professional order determined under the first paragraph.

“**187.3.** The Bureau of a professional order referred to in the first paragraph of section 187.2 may, by by-law, fix standards of equivalence of the training prescribed by the standards fixed by the Office under that section.

**“187.4.** To obtain a psychotherapist’s permit, a person shall apply to the Bureau of an order referred to in the first paragraph of section 187.2. The Bureau of the order shall issue a permit to that person if the person fulfils the conditions prescribed by the standards established for that purpose under this chapter.

A permit may be suspended or revoked by the Bureau that issued it. A decision made under this paragraph may be appealed from to the Professions Tribunal in accordance with the provisions of Division VIII of Chapter IV.

**“187.5.** In the exercise of the regulatory power conferred by section 187.2, the Office is authorized to take transitional measures applicable in the first six years after the coming into force of this section.”

**4.** This Act comes into force on 12 June 1998, except sections 1, 2 and 187.1 and 187.4 enacted by section 3 which come into force on the date or dates to be fixed by the Government.