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Bill 69
(2009, chapter 55)

An Act to amend the Highway Safety Code as regards driving schools

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Act amends the Highway Safety Code to extend by one year the suspension of the power to recognize new driving schools.

The Act grants the Government the regulatory power to set the minimum and maximum amounts chargeable for a course to drive a passenger vehicle.

The Act also provides that the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec has jurisdiction over the withdrawal of a driving school's recognition.

Lastly, the Act dissociates, in chapter 40 of the statutes of 2007, the coming into force of certain provisions relating to sanctions applicable to the holder of a driver's licence from the coming into force of the requirement to take a driving course, and associates it instead with the coming into force of provisions relating to the number of demerit points that result in a sanction. It also contains a transitional provision.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., chapter C-24.2);
- Act to amend the Highway Safety Code and the Regulation respecting demerit points (2007, chapter 40).

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE HIGHWAY SAFETY CODE AS REGARDS DRIVING SCHOOLS

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 62 of the Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., chapter C-24.2) is amended

(1) by replacing “authorize the organizations it designates to certify” by “approve specific bodies to recognize”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph:

“Only the Société may suspend or revoke the recognition of a driving school for non-compliance with the conditions for recognition.”

2. Section 66.1 of the Code, enacted by section 11 of chapter 40 of the statutes of 2007, is amended by adding the following paragraph:

“In addition, the Government may, by regulation, set the maximum and minimum amounts chargeable for a course to drive a passenger vehicle.”

3. Section 660 of the Code is amended

(1) by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

“**660.** The power to recognize new driving schools granted to specific bodies approved under section 62 is suspended. The suspension ends one year after the date of coming into force of the requirement established by section 66.1, enacted by section 11 of chapter 40 of the statutes of 2007, to have successfully completed a driving course.”;

(2) by replacing “authorized” in the second paragraph by “approved”.

4. Sections 98 and 99 of the Act to amend the Highway Safety Code and the Regulation respecting demerit points (2007, chapter 40) are amended by replacing “*section 95*” wherever it appears by “*section 92*”.

5. The first regulation made under the third paragraph of section 66.1 of the Highway Safety Code (R.S.Q., chapter C-24.2), amended by section 2, is not subject to the publication requirement or the requirement as regards its date of

coming into force set out in sections 8 and 17 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., chapter R-18.1). It comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

6. This Act comes into force on 17 January 2010.