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Bill 595

**An Act to protect access to institutions
where elective abortions are performed**

Introduction

**Introduced by
Madam Carole Poirier
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to protect access to public and private institutions where elective abortions are performed.

To that end, the bill defines no-entry zones for people exercising their right to protest so as to allow free and unimpeded access to and exit from the institutions governed by this bill by patients, employees, physicians, and building owners or tenants. The bill also prohibits stopping and questioning, harassing, verbally abusing, threatening, intimidating or attempting to intimidate those persons.

Lastly, the bill contains penal provisions.

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AN ACT TO PROTECT ACCESS TO INSTITUTIONS WHERE ELECTIVE ABORTIONS ARE PERFORMED

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The purpose of this Act is to protect access to public and private institutions where elective abortions are performed. To that end, the Act defines no-entry zones for people exercising their right to protest.

2. The list of institutions and the area within which protesting or picketing is prohibited are determined by government regulation.

Persons protesting, alone or in a group, regardless of the form this protest takes, must allow free and unimpeded access to and exit from the institutions referred to in the first paragraph by any patient, employee, physician, building owner or tenant.

3. Stopping and questioning, harassing, verbally abusing, threatening, intimidating or attempting to intimidate any person wishing to access or exit an institution governed by this Act is prohibited.

4. Anyone who contravenes a provision of this Act is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding \$100 for a first offence and not exceeding \$1,000 for a subsequent offence within 12 months.

5. Anyone who helps or, by encouragement, advice, consent, authorization or command, induces another person to commit an offence under this Act is guilty of an offence and is liable to the same fine as that prescribed in section 4.

6. This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).

