Québec Immigration Act

Section 1

AMENDMENT:

Replace the second paragraph by:

Moreover, the goals of this Act are to promote, through a shared commitment between Québec society and immigrants, the latter's full participation, in French, in community life, in full equality and in keeping with democratic values, and to contribute, through the establishment of harmonious intercultural relations, to the cultural enrichment of Québec society.

Lastly, the aim of this Act is that immigrants contribute, in particular, to Québec's prosperity, the preservation and vitality of French—the common language knowledge of which is the key to successful participation—the vitality of the regions and Québec's international influence.

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 3

AMENDMENT:

Replace "the demand for immigration to Québec and Québec's needs and capacity to receive and integrate immigrants," by "the demand for immigration, Québec's needs, including its regions' needs, and Québec's capacity to receive and integrate immigrants,".

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 4

AMENDMENT:

Replace "examination by the competent committee, which may, for that purpose, hear any person or body" by "a general consultation to be held by the competent parliamentary committee".

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 11

AMENDMENT:

Replace by:

11. Despite the immigration program under which a foreign national's application is filed, the Minister may decide to examine the application under a different immigration program in order to facilitate the foreign national's selection.

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 18

AMENDMENT:

Insert ", is recognized as a refugee when already in Québec" after "class".

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 28

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AMENDMENT:

Add "when required," after "may" in the first paragraph.

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 38.1

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 38:

38.1. If the Minister refuses to select a foreign national for temporary or permanent immigration for a public interest reason, the Minister must indicate the nature of the reason.

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 39

AMENDMENT:

Insert ", in the cases prescribed by government regulation," after "require".

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 26

AMENDMENT:

Replace the second sentence by the following sentence:

Such a grid is to include selection criteria such as training, work experience and knowledge of French.

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 43

AMENDMENT:

Replace the first paragraph by:

The Minister determines the criteria or sets of criteria on the basis of which the Minister invites foreign nationals to file an application for selection in accordance with section 10 as well as their order of priority. The Minister may also rank foreign nationals, in particular by applying a score or determining whether or not the invitation criteria or sets of invitation criteria are met by each foreign national.



Québec Immigration Act

Section 44

AMENDMENT:

Replace the first and second paragraphs by:

The Minister invites foreign nationals to file an application for selection on the basis of the decision made under section 43.

The Minister determines the number of foreign nationals invited on the basis of an invitation criterion or a set of invitation criteria, according to the order of priority of invitation criteria or according to a ranking, taking into account, among other considerations, the Minister's processing capacity, the annual immigration plan, any decision made under sections 49 and 50, Québec's labour market needs, or labour market integration prospects.

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 46

AMENDMENT:

Replace "that the foreign national's staying or settling in Québec would constitute an exceptional contribution to the prosperity and influence of Québec society" by "that the foreign national is able to contribute to Québec's prosperity by staying or settling in Québec".

Québec Immigration Act

Section 50

AMENDMENT:

Strike out "the maximum number of expressions of interest that may be entered in the bank and".

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 51

AMENDMENT:

Replace "the fair processing of expressions of interest and applications from all quarters" in the second paragraph by "diversity in the origin of expressions of interest and applications for selection".

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 58

AMENDMENT:

Replace the first paragraph by:

In collaboration with the other ministers concerned, the Minister develops reception, francization and integration programs for immigrants and programs aimed at establishing harmonious intercultural relations to promote immigrants' full participation, in French, in community life, in full equality and in keeping with democratic values, as well as their long-term settlement in the regions.



Québec Immigration Act

Section 73

AMENDMENT:

Insert "regarding a foreign national who belongs to the family class" after "sponsorship undertaking application".

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 78

AMENDMENT:

Replace "processing" in the first paragraph by "examination".

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 57

AMENDMENT:

Replace by:

57. A decision of the Minister is invalid if it expires, is cancelled or lapses.

The Government determines, by regulation, the time for which a decision made by the Minister is valid, the cases in which a decision lapses and the situations in which the Minister may lift the effects of any such lapse.



Québec Immigration Act

Section 57.1

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 57:

- **57.1.** The Minister may cancel a decision in the cases prescribed by government regulation or if
- (1) the application relating to the decision contained false or misleading information or documents;
 - (2) the decision was made in error;
- (3) the conditions required for making a favourable decision cease to exist; or
 - (4) the public interest so requires.

The Minister's decision takes effect immediately.

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 68

AMENDMENT:

Insert ", except sections 57 and 57.1, after "Chapter V".

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 69

AMENDMENT:

Insert ", unless the decision was made for a public interest reason" at the end of paragraph 3.

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 82

AMENDMENT:

Replace ", within a reasonable time, any information or document relating to the application of this Act and the regulations be provided or communicated to the inspector for examination or reproduction" in subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph by "the persons present provide the inspector, within a reasonable time, with any information or document relating to the application of this Act and the regulations for examination or the making of copies".



Québec Immigration Act

Section 82.1

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 82:

82.1. An inspector may, by a formal demand delivered by registered mail or personal service, require any person to file by registered mail or personal service, within a reasonable time specified in the demand, information or documents relating to the application of this Act or the regulations.

The person to whom the demand is made must, within the specified time, comply with the demand, whether or not the person has already filed such information or a reply to a similar demand made under this Act.

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 100

AMENDMENT:

Replace "Such exemptions may" by "Such a regulation may".

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 106

AMENDMENT:

Replace proposed section 2 by:

2. The Minister is to develop guidelines or policies on immigration and on the full participation, in French, of immigrants and ethnocultural minorities in Québec society, in full equality and in keeping with democratic values, and propose them to the Government. The Minister is notably to develop a Québec policy on those matters.

The Minister is to coordinate and monitor the implementation of those guidelines and policies in order to ensure their relevance and effectiveness.

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 106

AMENDMENT:

Replace proposed section 4 by:

- **4.** The Minister's functions in matters of immigration, ethnocultural diversity and inclusiveness are, more particularly,
- (1) to plan the number of immigrants Québec wishes to receive and the composition of that immigration;
- (2) to promote immigration and inform immigrants about such topics as Québec's democratic values, the integration and francization processes, Québec culture and the vitality of the regions;
- (3) to select, as temporary and permanent immigrants, foreign nationals who will be able to fully participate, in French, in Québec society;
- (4) to contribute, through the selection of temporary and permanent immigrants, to meeting the needs and reflecting the choices of Québec;
- (5) to promote immigration's contribution to Québec's prosperity, to the preservation and vitality of French—the common language knowledge of which is the key to successful participation—to the vitality of the regions and to Québec's international influence.
- (6) to ensure family reunification, participate in international solidarity efforts and respond to other humanitarian situations;
- (7) to contribute, through the provision of reception, francization and integration services and through intercultural relations projects, to immigrants' full participation, in French, in community life, to their long-term settlement in the regions and to the consolidation of harmonious intercultural relations;
- (8) after consultation with the other ministers concerned, to coordinate the implementation of reception, francization and integration programs for immigrants; and

(9) to foster the commitment and coordinate the actions of government departments, bodies and social actors in order to build communities that are more inclusive, thereby contributing to immigrants' long-term settlement in the regions, promote immigrants' and ethnocultural minorities' full participation, in French, in community life, in full equality and in keeping with democratic values, and contribute, through the establishment of harmonious intercultural relations, to the cultural enrichment of Québec society.

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 108

AMENDMENT:

- 1. Add ", such as by speeding up the recognition process" at the end of proposed paragraph 4 in paragraph 2.
- 2. Replacing "and follow them up" in proposed paragraph 6 in paragraph 3 by "and to monitor and evaluate their relevance and effectiveness".



Québec Immigration Act

Section 83.1

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 83:

- **83.1.** In the course of an investigation relating to an offence under this Act or a regulation, a judge of the Court of Québec may, on an *ex parte* application following an information laid in writing and under oath by an investigator, order a person, other than the person under investigation,
- (1) to produce original documents, or copies of them certified by affidavit to be true copies, or to produce information; or
- (2) to prepare a document based on documents or information already in existence and to produce it.

The order requires the documents or information to be produced within the time, at the place and in the form specified and to be given to the investigator named in it.

Before making such an order, the judge must be satisfied that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

- (1) an offence under this Act or a regulation is being or has been committed;
- (2) the documents or information will afford evidence respecting the commission of the offence; and
- (3) the person who is the subject of the order has possession or control of the documents.

The order may contain any terms that the judge considers appropriate, including terms to protect lawyers' and notaries' professional secrecy.

Where the judge who makes the order or any other judge having jurisdiction to make such an order is satisfied, on an *ex parte* application made on

the basis of an affidavit submitted by an investigator in support of the application, that the interests of justice warrant the granting of the application, the judge may vary or revoke the order or set a new time limit.

Every copy of a document produced under this section, on proof by affidavit that it is a true copy, is admissible in evidence in any proceeding and has the same probative force as the original document would have if it had been proved in the ordinary way.

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Québec Immigration Act

Section 68.1

AMENDMENT:

Insert before section 69:

68.1. A decision of the Minister may be reviewed in the cases and on the conditions the Minister determines.

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Québec Immigration Act

Heading, Chapter VIII

AMENDMENT:

Replace by:

"REVIEW OF A DECISION OR PROCEEDING BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL OF QUÉBEC"

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