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Bill 697

**An Act to allow law students to give legal  
advice and consultations on legal matters  
in university legal clinics in order to  
make justice more accessible**

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**Introduction**

**Introduced by  
Mr. Simon Jolin-Barrette  
Member for Borduas**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*The purpose of this bill is to make justice more accessible in Québec by allowing persons who consult a legal clinic to receive legal information, advice and opinions from law students.*

*The bill allows law students to give legal advice and consultations on legal matters, under the supervision of a practising advocate or notary, in certified legal clinics affiliated with university-level educational institutions.*

## **LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:**

- Act respecting the Barreau du Québec (chapter B-1);
- Notaries Act (chapter N-3).

## **Bill 697**

### **AN ACT TO ALLOW LAW STUDENTS TO GIVE LEGAL ADVICE AND CONSULTATIONS ON LEGAL MATTERS IN UNIVERSITY LEGAL CLINICS IN ORDER TO MAKE JUSTICE MORE ACCESSIBLE**

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**1.** The purpose of this Act is to allow law students to give legal advice and consultations on legal matters in certified legal clinics affiliated with one or more university-level educational institutions which grant degrees or diplomas giving access to the permits issued by the Barreau du Québec (Bar) and the Chambre des notaires du Québec (Order).

The Government determines, by regulation and after receiving the recommendations of the Bar and the Order, the terms and conditions governing legal clinic certification.

**2.** Persons other than members of the Bar or the Order may give legal advice and consultations on legal matters provided they

(1) are enrolled in a program leading to a degree or diploma giving access to the permits issued by the Bar and the Order;

(2) give the legal advice and consultations on legal matters in certified legal clinics affiliated with one or more university-level educational institutions which grant degrees or diplomas giving access to the permits issued by the Bar and the Order; and

(3) are acting under the responsibility and close supervision of a practising advocate or notary.

The Bar may, by regulation and after consulting the Order, set the terms and conditions according to which an advocate is to supervise a law student under the first paragraph.

The Order may, by regulation and after consulting the Bar, set the terms and conditions according to which a notary is to supervise a law student under the first paragraph.

**3.** Section 129 of the Act respecting the Barreau du Québec (chapter B-1) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“(f) the right of law students to give legal advice and consultations on legal matters in legal clinics in accordance with the conditions set by the Act to allow law students to give legal advice and consultations on legal matters in university legal clinics in order to make justice more accessible (*insert the year and chapter number of that Act*).”

**4.** Section 16 of the Notaries Act (chapter N-3) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“(5) the right of law students to give legal advice and consultations on legal matters in legal clinics in accordance with the conditions set by the Act to allow law students to give legal advice and consultations on legal matters in university legal clinics in order to make justice more accessible (*insert the year and chapter number of that Act*).”

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