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Section 8

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 7:

- 8. The Code is amended by inserting the following sections after section 10.2:
- "10.3. Every registration plate issued by the Société remains the property of the Société.
- "10.4. A personalized registration plate may, on payment of the fees prescribed by regulation and in the cases and on the conditions prescribed by government regulation, be issued to any person having a file at the Société relating to the registration of a road vehicle or to a licence authorizing the person to drive a road vehicle, provided that the person is the owner of such a vehicle or, if the person is not, that the person gives an undertaking to the Société to become the owner.

The Société is not responsible for any injury or damage which may result from an applicant's choice of number."

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Section 11

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 10:

- 11. The Code is amended by inserting the following sections after section 32:
- "32.1. Every registration plate number must be made up of Latin alphabet capital letters, Arabic numerals or a combination of both. It must be compatible with the plate numbering system established by the Société and be easy to read.

A registration plate number must not cause confusion with another plate number and, in the case of a personalized number, must not include an expression or a message, including when read in reverse, that

- (1) falsely suggests that the owner of the road vehicle is, or is related to, a public authority;
 - (2) conveys a careless attitude with respect to road safety;
 - (3) expresses an obscene or scandalous notion;
 - (4) promotes the commission of a criminal offence;
- (5) the law reserves for another person or prohibits from being used; or
- (6) is not in conformity with the Charter of the French language (chapter C-11).

In the event of non-compliance with the conditions of this section, the Société may refuse to issue the plate or may invalidate it if the non-compliance is identified after the issuance of the plate.

A government regulation may prescribe rules for the creation of a plate number, in particular to allow the use of special characters; such rules may vary according to the classes of road vehicles.

- "32.2. Every personalized registration plate must, prior to its utilization, be activated in order to be associated, in the Société's register, with the vehicle on which it will be affixed. The time limit and other conditions of activation are prescribed by government regulation.
- "32.3. The holder of a personalized registration plate is required to pay the management fee for the administration of the personalized registration plate system, at the intervals and during the periods prescribed by government regulation.

The management fee is payable even if the holder no longer intends to associate the plate with his vehicle, does not have the authorization to put the vehicle into operation or transfers it to a third person.

If the holder fails to pay the management fee, the Société may invalidate the registration plate.

"32.4. Where a personalized registration plate is invalidated, the road vehicle owner must apply to the Société for the replacement of the plate and pay the fees exigible prescribed by regulation.

Where the plate is invalidated under the third paragraph of section 32.1, the Société shall, when the plate is replaced, reimburse the fees paid in accordance with section 10.4.

"32.5. The conditions for the reuse of a personalized number by another person having a registration file or a licence file at the Société are prescribed by government regulation."



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Section 23

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 22:

- 23. Section 93.1 of the Code is amended
 - (1) in the first paragraph,
- (a) by replacing "The holder of a driver's licence or a restricted licence issued under section 76.1.1 must, at the intervals prescribed by regulation, pay the Société" by "At the expiry of the period of validity of a driver's licence or of a restricted licence issued under section 76.1.1, the holder must, for the renewal of the licence, pay to the Société";
- (b) by striking out "If, on the due date, the licence holder has not made the required payments or notified the Société of his intention to pay by preauthorized debit, he may not, as of the first day following the due date, and without further notice, drive any road vehicle.";
 - (2) by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

"The holder of a driver's licence or of a restricted licence issued under section 76.1.1 is required to replace the title evidencing the licence when it expires and pay to the Société the fees prescribed by regulation.";

(3) by striking out the third and fourth paragraphs.

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Section 32

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 31:

- **32.** The Code is amended by inserting the following section before section 573.1:
- "573.0.1. Failure to pay sums that the Société is responsible for collecting under this Code or another Act entails by operation of law the imposition, on the day following the date on which the sums become payable, of the recovery fee and the interest prescribed by regulation. In addition, no authorization or other transaction may be issued, renewed or carried out, as the case may be, by the Société as long as the person concerned is in default of payment.

If a person has failed to pay a sum to the Société, the Société may revoke the authorizations obtained by the person or suspend the right to obtain them. In such a case, no authorization may be issued as long as the default of payment continues."



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Section 40

AMENDMENT:

- 1. Replace "section 7" in the introductory clause by "section 7.1".
- 2. Replace the numbers of proposed sections 7.1 to 7.6 by the numbers 7.2 to 7.7, respectively.
- 3. Replace "7.2 and 7.4" in proposed section 7.5 by "7.3 and 7.5".

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Section 43

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 42:

DIVISION II

SPECIAL TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

43. Until a regulation is made under subparagraph 1.0.1 of the first paragraph of section 624 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2), enacted by paragraph 1 of section 36, the management fee for the administration of the personalized registration plate system is \$30.



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Section 44

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 43:

44. Until a regulation is made under subparagraph 1.2 of the first paragraph of section 624 of the Highway Safety Code, enacted by paragraph 3 of section 36, the fee payable under section 10.4 of that Code, enacted by section 8, for the issue of a personalized registration plate is \$217.



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Section 45

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 44:

45. Until a regulation is made under subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph of section 624 of the Highway Safety Code concerning the fee payable for the replacement of a personalized registration plate by a plate bearing the same number, the fee is \$50.



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Section 46

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 45:

46. Despite section 648 of the Highway Safety Code, the fees collected under sections 43 to 45 of this Act belong to the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec.



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Section 48

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 47:

48. The fees fixed in sections 43 to 45 are indexed in accordance with Chapter VIII.1 of the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001), despite section 83.11 of that Act.



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Section 55

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 54:

- 55. Until a regulation is made under subparagraph 15.1 of the first paragraph of section 624 of the Highway Safety Code, enacted by paragraph 6 of section 36, the recovery fee payable under section 573.0.1 of the Code, enacted by section 32, corresponds to the greater of
 - (1) \$11.10; and
 - (2) the amount corresponding to 5% of the sums due.

The interest payable under section 573.0.1 of the Code is calculated daily on the balance due for the period beginning on the day following the due date and ending on the reimbursement day, on the basis of the interest rate determined under the first paragraph of section 28 of the Tax Administration Act (chapter A-6.002).



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Section 319

AMENDMENT:

- 1. Insert before paragraph 1:
- (0.1) sections 6, 8 and 11, paragraph 2 of section 14 and sections 18 and 38 to 48, which come into force on (insert the date that is 45 days after the date of assent to this Act);
- 2. Replace paragraph 4 by:
- (4) sections 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13, paragraph 1 of section 14, sections 15 to 17 and 19 to 32, paragraphs 4 to 6 of section 33, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of section 34, section 35, paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 of section 36, sections 37, 160 to 163 and 165, paragraph 2 of section 166, and section 196 to the extent that it amends section 60.4 of the Tax Administration Act (chapter A-6.002) to refer to paragraph 2 of section 350.61 of the Act respecting the Québec sales tax (chapter T-0.1), which come into force on the date or dates to be set by the Government.



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Title

AMENDMENT:

Insert "to improve the performance of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec," after "An Act".

