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Bill 699

**An Act to promote integration of
immigrants by organizing welcome
ceremonies for newcomers**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to promote integration of immigrants.

To that end, the bill amends the Québec Immigration Act to provide for the Minister of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness to organize welcome ceremonies for the foreign nationals the Minister has selected in recognition of their permanent settlement in Québec.

The bill also amends the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Diversité et de l'Inclusion to mention that the functions of the Minister include contributing to recognizing the arrival in Québec of new immigrants by organizing welcome ceremonies and other activities.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Québec Immigration Act (chapter I-0.2.1);
- Act respecting the Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Diversité et de l'Inclusion (chapter M-16.1).

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The purpose of this Act is to promote integration of immigrants by organizing welcome ceremonies for newcomers.

QUÉBEC IMMIGRATION ACT

2. The Québec Immigration Act (chapter I-0.2.1) is amended by inserting the following section after the heading of Chapter VI:

“59.1. The Minister organizes welcome ceremonies for the foreign nationals that the Minister has selected in recognition of their permanent settlement in Québec.

The Government determines, by regulation, the conditions of the welcome ceremonies.”

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DE L’IMMIGRATION, DE LA DIVERSITÉ ET DE L’INCLUSION

3. Section 4 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Immigration, de la Diversité et de l’Inclusion (chapter M-16.1) is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“(11) to contribute, by organizing welcome ceremonies and other activities, to recognizing the arrival in Québec of new immigrants.”

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

