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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

Bill 42

**An Act mainly to provide for the
revision of the charges payable for
the use of water**

Introduction

**Introduced by
Mr. Benoit Charette
Minister of the Environment and
the Fight Against Climate Change**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill proposes a periodic revision of the regulatory provisions made under the Environment Quality Act to establish charges for the use of water and provides that the measures funded by the charges collected in this regard are to be made public.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2).

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

ENVIRONMENT QUALITY ACT

1. The preliminary provision of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after the first paragraph:

“The Act also aims to regulate the use of water resources to ensure their sustainable, equitable and efficient management. To that end, it provides for the use of various economic instruments, including charges for certain quantities used, and for the obligation to periodically review their appropriateness so as to take into account the availability of water resources, with a view to transparency and management of the common good.”

2. Section 124.8 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The Minister shall also propose to the Government, every three years, a revision of the regulatory provisions made under subparagraphs 11 and 12 of the first paragraph of section 95.1 to establish charges for the use of water.”

3. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 124.8:

“**125.** The measures funded by the charges collected for the use of water shall be made public by the Minister.”

FINAL PROVISIONS

4. The Minister must, not later than (*insert the date that is six months after the date of assent to this Act*), propose to the Government the first revision of the regulatory provisions referred to in the second paragraph of section 124.8 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2), enacted by section 2 of this Act.

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

