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Bill 391

**An Act to assert the fundamental values
of the Québec nation**

Introduction

**Introduced by
Madam Pauline Marois
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill asserts the fundamental values of the Québec nation by incorporating them into the Charter of human rights and freedoms. These values are equality of women and men, the primacy of French and the separation of state and religion. The bill also amends the Charter to add a provision specifying that the Charter must be interpreted with due regard for Québec's historical heritage and the fundamental values of the Québec nation.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Charter of human rights and freedoms (R.S.Q., chapter C-12).

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The preamble of the Charter of human rights and freedoms (R.S.Q., chapter C-12) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after the fifth paragraph:

“Whereas equality of women and men, the primacy of French and the separation of state and religion are fundamental values of the Québec nation;”.

2. The Charter is amended by replacing section 50.1 by the following section:

“50.1. The Charter shall be so interpreted as to take into account Québec’s historical heritage and the fundamental values of the Québec nation, including equality of women and men, the primacy of French and the separation of state and religion.”

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

