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An Act to provide for the establishment of target-benefit pension plans in certain pulp and paper sector enterprises

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill defines the circumstances and the conditions under which a target-benefit pension plan may be established in certain enterprises in the pulp and paper sector.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The first paragraph of section 14.1 of the Supplemental Pension Plans Act (chapter R-15.1) does not apply in respect of pension plans that meet the conditions and observe the rules prescribed by a regulation made by the Government under the second paragraph of section 2 of that Act, if the following circumstances coexist:

(1) the regulation provides for the establishment of a target-benefit pension plan under which employer contributions and, where applicable, member contributions, or the method used for calculating them, are set in advance and the normal pension payable is based on the financial position of the pension plan;

(2) the employer who is a party to the pension plan is in the pulp and paper sector; and

(3) the employer who is a party to the pension plan entered into an agreement with a union to establish a target-benefit pension plan while that employer or another employer whose assets it acquired was subject to an order under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985, chapter C-36).

2. Despite the third paragraph of section 2 of the Supplemental Pension Plans Act, a regulation referred to in section 1 may, if it so provides, have retroactive effect from a date not prior to 31 December 2010.

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