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Bill 133

An Act to amend article 1974 of the Civil Code

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill proposes to amend the Civil Code so that a lessee may resiliate a lease if, because of the violent behaviour of a spouse or former spouse or because of a sexual aggression, the safety of the lessee or of a child living with the lessee is threatened.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Article 1974 of the Civil Code of Québec (1991, chapter 64) is amended

(1) by adding the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph:
“A lessee may also resiliate the current lease if, because of the violent behaviour of a spouse or former spouse or because of a sexual aggression, even by a third party, the safety of the lessee or of a child living with the lessee is threatened.”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph after the second paragraph:

“In the case of violence or sexual aggression, the authority concerned is a public servant or public officer designated by the Minister of Justice, who, on examining the lessee’s sworn statement that there exists a situation involving violence or sexual aggression, and other factual elements or documents supporting the lessee’s statement provided by persons in contact with the victims, considers that the resiliation of the lease is a measure that will ensure the safety of the lessee or of a child living with the lessee.”

2. This Act comes into force on the date to be set by the Government.

