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Bill 31

**An Act to amend mainly the Pharmacy
Act to facilitate access to
certain services**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill makes amendments to add activities reserved to pharmacists in the practice of pharmacy.

The bill specifies that pharmacists may, in certain cases or in accordance with the conditions and procedure determined by regulation,

(1) prescribe and administer vaccines and, in emergency situations, certain other medications;

(2) prescribe all non-prescription medications;

(3) administer a medication by intranasal route;

(4) adjust or renew prescriptions of all prescribers, not only those of physicians;

(5) stop medication therapy according to a prescription or following a consultation conducted at the request of a prescriber;

(6) substitute, for a prescribed medication, another medication even if it does not belong to the same therapeutic subclass; and

(7) prescribe and interpret not only laboratory analyses but also any other test, for the purpose of monitoring medication therapy.

Lastly, the bill provides that pharmacists may assess the physical and mental condition of a person to ensure the proper use of medications.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

– Pharmacy Act (chapter P-10).

REGULATIONS AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Regulation respecting the administration of medication by pharmacists (chapter P-10, r. 3.1);
- Regulation respecting the prescription of a medication by a pharmacist (chapter P-10, r. 18.2).

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AN ACT TO AMEND MAINLY THE PHARMACY ACT TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO CERTAIN SERVICES

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

PHARMACY ACT

1. Section 10 of the Pharmacy Act (chapter P-10) is amended

(1) by inserting “subparagraph 2 of” after “under” in subparagraph *i* of the first paragraph;

(2) by inserting “and the other interested professional orders” after “Québec” in the third paragraph.

2. Section 17 of the Act is amended

(1) in the second paragraph,

(a) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph 1:

“(1.1) assessing the physical and mental condition of a person to ensure the proper use of medications;”;

(b) by replacing subparagraphs 5 to 10 by the following subparagraphs:

“(5) initiating, adjusting or stopping medication therapy, according to a prescription or following a consultation conducted at the request of a professional authorized by law to prescribe medications, making use, where applicable, of appropriate laboratory analyses or other tests;

“(6) renewing a prescription to avoid interruption of the treatment prescribed to a patient; the renewal period may not be longer than the original prescription period or, if the original prescription period was longer than one year, the renewal period may not exceed one year;

“(7) adjusting a prescription by modifying the form, dosage, quantity or directions of a prescribed medication;

“(8) substituting another medication for a prescribed medication, in the case of a complete disruption in the supply of the prescribed medication in Québec or a problem relating to its administration;

“(9) administering a medication by oral, topical, subcutaneous, intranasal, intradermal or intramuscular route or by inhalation in the following cases:

- (a) to demonstrate proper use of the medication;
- (b) for vaccination purposes;
- (c) in an emergency situation;

“(10) prescribing and interpreting laboratory analyses or other tests, for the purpose of monitoring medication therapy.”;

(2) by replacing the third paragraph by the following paragraph:

“Despite the first paragraph and where no diagnosis is required, the activity of prescribing the following is also reserved to pharmacists:

- (1) non-prescription medications determined in a regulation made under section 37.1 if the patient’s clinical situation or any other circumstance so warrants; and
- (2) medications in cases determined by regulation.”

REGULATION RESPECTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION BY PHARMACISTS

3. Section 1 of the Regulation respecting the administration of medication by pharmacists (chapter P-10, r. 3.1) is amended

- (1) by striking out “in order to demonstrate its appropriate use” in the first paragraph; and
- (2) by inserting “, if applicable,” after “and” in the second paragraph.

4. The Regulation is amended by inserting the following sections after section 1:

“1.1. A pharmacist may administer a vaccine to a patient six years of age or over.

“1.2. In an emergency situation, a pharmacist may administer epinephrine or diphenhydramine.”

REGULATION RESPECTING THE PRESCRIPTION OF A MEDICATION
BY A PHARMACIST

5. Schedule I to the Regulation respecting the prescription of a medication by a pharmacist (chapter P-10, r. 18.2) is amended by adding the following at the end:

“12. Vaccination.

“13. Emergency requiring the administration of epinephrine or diphenhydramine.”

FINAL PROVISION

6. This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*), except subparagraph *b* of paragraph 1 of section 2 insofar as it replaces subparagraphs 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 of the second paragraph of section 17 of the Pharmacy Act (chapter P-10), which comes into force on the date or dates to be set by the Government.

