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Bill 44

An Act to amend the Police Act

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The object of this bill is to amend certain provisions of the Police Act relating to the management personnel of the Sûreté du Québec. As well, it allows the Government to make a regulation determining the qualifications required to exercise inquiry functions within a police force. Lastly, the bill provides that municipalities will be required to appoint an interim chief of police without delay if the office of chief of the police force becomes vacant.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS :

1. Section 6.1 of the Police Act (R.S.Q., chapter P-13) is amended by inserting “to exercise inquiry functions within a police force, in the cases determined by the regulation, and” after “required” in paragraph 6.

2. Section 43 of the said Act, amended by section 211 of chapter 75 of the statutes of 1988, is again amended

(1) by replacing “four officers” at the beginning of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by “officers, in the number determined by the Government”;

(2) by striking out “and replace him when he dies or is absent or temporarily unable to act” at the end of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph;

(3) by striking out the second paragraph.

3. The said Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 44 :

“44.1. Where the Director General is absent or unable to act, the Deputy Director General designated by the Minister shall act as Director General in the interim.”

4. Section 59 of the said Act is amended

(1) by replacing “the members of the Police Force contemplated in paragraphs 1 to 3” in the first paragraph by “a member of the Police Force referred to in paragraph 1 or 2 or the members referred to in paragraph 3”;

(2) by replacing “the officer referred to in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph” in the second paragraph by “the officers referred to in paragraph 1 or 2”.

5. The said Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 59 :

“59.1. Notwithstanding paragraph 5 of section 4 of the Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (chapter R-10), the Government may cause the Government and Public Employees Retirement

Plan to be applicable to a member of the Police Force referred to in subparagraph 1 or 2 of the first paragraph of section 43 if that plan applied to that member upon his appointment.”

6. Section 68 of the said Act is amended by inserting the following paragraph after the first paragraph :

“Where the office of chief is vacant, the municipality shall appoint an interim chief without delay.”

7. Section 5 of this Act has effect from 5 November 1998.

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