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Bill 696

**An Act providing for the temporary
suspension of the right to increase
the rent for a lease of a dwelling**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill suspends, for a one-year period, the right of lessors to increase the rent for any lease of a dwelling.

The bill thus provides that any application for the fixing of rent that aims to increase the rent between 1 June 2021 and 31 May 2022 and that is filed before the coming into force of this Act is cancelled.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this Act is to alleviate the financial burden of lessees by suspending, for a period of one year, the right of lessors to increase the rent for leases referred to in article 1892 of the Civil Code.

CHAPTER II

SUSPENSION OF THE RIGHT TO INCREASE RENT

2. The lessor of a lease of a dwelling scheduled to be renewed between 1 June 2021 and 31 May 2022 may not increase the rent for the lease, even if the notice of modification required under article 1942 of the Civil Code was given within the prescribed time.

Despite the first paragraph, the lessor may nevertheless give a notice of modification increasing the rent after 31 May 2022 if the lessor meets the conditions set out in articles 1942 and 1943 of the Civil Code.

CHAPTER III

APPLICATION FOR THE FIXING OF RENT

3. Any application for the fixing of rent filed before (*insert the date of assent to this Act*) that aims to increase the rent between 1 June 2021 and 31 May 2022 is cancelled. The Administrative Housing Tribunal then reimburses the costs incurred by the lessor to file the application.

CHAPTER IV

FINAL PROVISION

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

