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Bill 103

An Act to impose restrictions on pig farming

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The object of this bill is to suspend, between 1 May and 15 June 2002, the issuance of certificates of authorization required under the Environment Quality Act with respect to pig farming.

The bill provides that the Government will enact new measures before 15 June 2002 to replace the Regulation respecting the reduction of pollution from agricultural sources.

Lastly, the bill provides that as of the date of coming into force of the new measures, applications for authorization pending on that date that relate to the raising of pigs will be subject to the provisions of the new regulation.

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AN ACT TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON PIG FARMING

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS :

1. Between 1 May and 15 June 2002, no certificate of authorization shall be issued by the Minister of the Environment as regards the establishment of a new livestock site for pigs or an increase in the number of pigs in a livestock site over the number previously authorized under the Environment Quality Act (R.S.Q., chapter Q-2).

For the purposes of this Act, “pigs” includes sows and piglets.

2. The Government shall make, not later than 15 June 2002, a regulation to replace the Regulation respecting the reduction of pollution from agricultural sources enacted by Order in Council 742-97 dated 4 June 1997 (1997, G.O. 2, 2607).

The making of the regulation is not subject to the publication requirements and date of coming into force set out in section 124 of the Environment Quality Act and sections 8 and 17 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., chapter R-18.1).

3. From the date of coming into force of the regulation provided for in section 2, every application for a certificate of authorization in relation to a project referred to in section 1 and pending on that date is subject to the provisions of the new regulation.

4. The Minister of the Environment is responsible for the administration of this Act.

5. Section 1 has effect from 1 May 2002.

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