



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

Bill 898

**An Act to amend the Public Health Act
to change the terms of renewal of the
declaration of a state of health
emergency**

Introduction

**Introduced by
Madam Claire Samson
Member for Iberville**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends the Public Health Act to ensure that a declaration of a state of health emergency may be renewed only by a resolution of the National Assembly approved by not less than two-thirds of its Members and that the declared state of emergency may be for a maximum period of 30 days.

In addition, the bill provides that the National Assembly may also put an end to the state of health emergency.

Lastly, the bill includes transitional and final provisions.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2).

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF RENEWAL OF THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF HEALTH EMERGENCY

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

- 1.** Section 119 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2) is amended by replacing “may be renewed, as many times as necessary, for a maximum period of 10 days or, with the consent of the National Assembly,” in the first paragraph by “may be renewed only by a resolution of the National Assembly approved by not less than two-thirds of its Members, and the declared emergency may be”.
- 2.** Section 122 of the Act is amended by striking out “or any renewal thereof” in the first paragraph.
- 3.** Section 128 of the Act is amended
 - (1) in the first paragraph,
 - (a) by inserting “or the National Assembly” after “Government”;
 - (b) by replacing “considers” by “is considered”;
 - (2) by inserting “or resolution” after “decision” in the last paragraph.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

- 4.** The provisions of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2), as amended by this Act, apply to every declaration of a state of health emergency and to every renewal in force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*). Every state of health emergency in force on that date is deemed to have been declared or renewed on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*) for a period of 10 days.
- 5.** This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).

