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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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Bill 899

**An Act to amend the Charter of  
human rights and freedoms to  
recognize the right to a healthful  
environment as a fundamental right**

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**Introduction**

**Introduced by  
Madam Isabelle Melançon  
Member for Verdun**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*This bill amends the Charter of human rights and freedoms so that the right of every person to live in a healthful environment in which biodiversity is preserved is recognized as a fundamental right.*

*In addition, the bill abolishes the requirement that this right apply only to the extent and according to the standards provided by law.*

## **LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:**

- Charter of human rights and freedoms (chapter C-12).

## **Bill 899**

### **AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS TO RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT TO A HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT AS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT**

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

#### **CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS**

**1.** The preamble of the Charter of human rights and freedoms (chapter C-12) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after the fourth paragraph:

“Whereas it is of fundamental importance to preserve an environment that is conducive to human health and safety and to maintain the integrity of the ecosystems on which human life and well-being depend;”.

**2.** The Charter is amended by inserting the following section after section 1:

“**1.1.** Every person has a right to live in a healthful environment in which biodiversity is preserved.”

**3.** Section 46.1 of the Charter is repealed.

#### **FINAL PROVISION**

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

