



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 193

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

Introduction

**Introduced by
Madam Désirée McGraw
Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce**

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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).

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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 fifth 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 Section 46.1 of the Charter is repealed.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*).

