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Bill 699

**An Act to amend the Charter of
human rights and freedoms to
enshrine the right to decent housing**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Charter of human rights and freedoms to enshrine the right to decent housing for every person.

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 ENSHRINE THE RIGHT TO DECENT HOUSING

AS the right to decent housing is an essential component of human dignity and is necessary for the realization of other fundamental rights, such as the rights to life, security, privacy and health;

AS the purpose of the right to decent housing is to ensure that a dwelling is safe to occupy, available, affordable, habitable and accessible;

AS the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes that everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including with regard to housing;

AS the United Nations' International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights enshrines the right of everyone to an adequate standard of living for himself and his family, including with regard to adequate housing;

AS the Charter of the Organization of American States recognizes the right to adequate housing for all sectors of the population;

AS Québec subscribes to the implementation of these international instruments;

AS, under this Act, the State must take the necessary measures to protect the right to decent housing and to ensure the progressive realization of this right;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

1. The Charter of human rights and freedoms (chapter C-12) is amended by inserting the following section after section 45:

“**45.1.** Every person has a right to decent housing.”

FINAL PROVISION

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

