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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 696

**An Act to ensure that operators of  
tourist accommodation  
establishments are free to determine  
the prices and conditions applicable  
to the rental of accommodation units**

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**Introduction**

**Introduced by  
Madam Linda Caron  
Member for La Pinière**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*This bill amends the Tourist Accommodation Act to provide that a contract entered into between a person operating a digital booking platform and a person operating a tourist accommodation establishment does not prevent the latter from freely determining the prices and conditions applicable to the rental of accommodation units or granting any discount or other benefit.*

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

- Tourist Accommodation Act (chapter H-1.01).

## Bill 696

### **AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT OPERATORS OF TOURIST ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS ARE FREE TO DETERMINE THE PRICES AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE RENTAL OF ACCOMMODATION UNITS**

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

#### TOURIST ACCOMMODATION ACT

**1.** The Tourist Accommodation Act (chapter H-1.01) is amended by inserting the following division after section 21.2:

#### **“DIVISION IV.2**

#### **“FREE DETERMINATION OF PRICES BY THE OPERATOR OF A TOURIST ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENT**

**“21.3.** The contract entered into between a person operating a digital booking platform and a person operating a tourist accommodation establishment may not restrict the latter’s freedom to determine the prices and conditions applicable to the rental of accommodation units or to grant any discount or other benefit.

Any provision contrary to the first paragraph is deemed unwritten.

For the purposes of this division, “digital booking platform” means a digital platform through which a person brings together a tourist and the operator of a tourist accommodation establishment and provides a framework for their interaction.”

#### FINAL PROVISION

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

