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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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THIRD SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Bill 692

**An Act to create a new tool  
for the voluntary conservation  
of natural settings**

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**Introduction**

**Introduced by  
Madam Agnès Grondin  
Member for Argenteuil**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*This bill amends the Natural Heritage Conservation Act to provide that the owner of an immovable may enter into a contract stipulating the real obligations regarding the maintenance and improvement of biodiversity and ecological functions. It provides that such a contract must be entered into with a municipal body, a non-profit body working in the environmental field, an Aboriginal nation or an Aboriginal community.*

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

- Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01).

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### AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW TOOL FOR THE VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION OF NATURAL SETTINGS

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

#### NATURAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION ACT

**L.** The Natural Heritage Conservation Act (chapter C-61.01) is amended by inserting the following division after section 65.9:

#### “DIVISION VI

#### “CONTRACT CREATING REAL OBLIGATIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

“**65.10.** The owner of an immovable may enter into a contract, whether with a municipal body, a non-profit body working in the environmental field, an Aboriginal nation or an Aboriginal community, stipulating the real obligations regarding the maintenance and improvement of biodiversity and ecological functions.

The contract creating real obligations for the protection of the environment that is referred to in the first paragraph must be made by notarial act *en minute* and registered in the land register. It must, in particular, include

- (1) the description of the immovable;
- (2) the identification of the parties to the contract;
- (3) a precise description of the real obligations it contains, including the associated follow-up and assessment measures;
- (4) the period of compliance, which may not exceed 99 years; and
- (5) the circumstances allowing for the resiliation or amendment of the contract.

For the purposes of this Division, “municipal body” means a local municipality, a mandatory body of a local municipality within the meaning of section 18 of the Act respecting the Pension Plan of Elected Municipal Officers (chapter R-9.3) or a supramunicipal body within the meaning of sections 18 and 19 of that Act.”

FINAL PROVISION

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