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Bill 18

An Act to limit oil and gas activities

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Under this bill, oil and gas activities in the St. Lawrence River upstream of Anticosti island and on the islands situated in that part of the river are prohibited.

The holder of a licence to explore for petroleum, natural gas and underground reservoirs is exempted from performing the exploration work required by the Act and the term of such licences is suspended.

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. No mining right provided for under Divisions IX to XIII of Chapter III of the Mining Act (R.S.Q., chapter M-13.1) may be issued for the part of the St. Lawrence River west of longitude 64°51'22" in the NAD83 geodetic reference system or for the islands situated in that part of the river.

2. Any mining right referred to in section 1 and issued for the zone described in that section is revoked.

However, where part of a territory under a licence or lease is in that zone, the licence or lease remains valid but the area situated in that zone is withdrawn from the territory under the licence or lease.

Section 180 of the Mining Act applies, with the necessary modifications, to work performed in the territory covered by the revoked licences.

This section does not apply to the lease to operate an underground reservoir bearing the number 1990BR301.

3. The holder of a licence to explore for petroleum, natural gas and underground reservoirs is exempted from performing the work required under the Mining Act until the beginning of the third year of the term of the licence following (*insert the date of coming into force of this Act*). In that case, the term of the licence is deemed to be suspended in accordance with section 169.2 of that Act.

4. The application of this Act entails no compensation from the State.

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

