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Bill 591

**An Act to confirm the application of the  
Charter of the French language to  
government agency subsidiaries**

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**Introduction**

**Introduced by  
Mr. Yves-François Blanchet  
Member for Drummond**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*The purpose of this bill is to confirm that government agency subsidiaries are subject to the provisions of the Charter of the French language that apply to the civil administration.*

*The bill also provides that the Minister responsible for the administration of the Charter of the French language must, at the latest on 1 February 2013 and every four years after that, submit a report to the Government on the carrying out of this Act, that the report must be tabled in the National Assembly and that it must be examined by the competent parliamentary committee of the National Assembly.*

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

- Charter of the French language (R.S.Q., chapter C-11).

## Bill 591

### AN ACT TO CONFIRM THE APPLICATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE TO GOVERNMENT AGENCY SUBSIDIARIES

AS French is the language of labour relations and of the public administration in Québec;

AS under the Charter of the French language (R.S.Q., chapter C-11), in order for a person to be appointed, transferred or promoted to an office in the civil administration, his or her knowledge of the official language must be appropriate to the office applied for;

AS appointments have been made in the civil administration in contravention of the law and as the clarity of the law has been called into question;

AS government agency subsidiaries may not avoid the application of the Act;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**1.** The Charter of the French language (R.S.Q., chapter C-11) is amended by adding the following section after section 212:

“**212.1.** The Minister responsible for the administration of this Act must submit a report to the Government on the carrying out of this Act, at the latest on 1 February 2013 and every four years after that.

The report must be tabled in the National Assembly within the next 15 days or, if the Assembly is not sitting, within 15 days of resumption. The report must be examined by the competent parliamentary committee of the National Assembly.”

**2.** The Schedule to the Charter is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end of paragraph 2 of Division A:

“A subsidiary of a Government agency described in the first paragraph is a Government agency.”

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

