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Easing of certain measures to protect the health of the population amid the COVID-19 pandemic situation

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WHEREAS, under section 118 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2), the Government may declare a public health emergency in all or part of the territory of Québec where a serious threat to the health of the population, whether real or imminent, requires the immediate application of certain measures provided for in section 123 of the Act to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS, by Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, the Government declared a public health emergency in all of the territory of Québec and took certain measures to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS the public health emergency was subsequently renewed in accordance with section 119 of the Public Health Act;

WHEREAS, by Ministerial Order 2022-033 dated 11 May 2022 made by the Minister of Health and Social Services, the Minister of Health and Social Services set in place certain human resources measures, in particular the prohibition for a service provider and a personnel placement agency to provide certain services to a body in the health and services sector, in exchange for payment or other compensation, in whatever form, the value of which exceeds the rate set;

WHEREAS, under section 1 of the Act to terminate the public health emergency while maintaining transitional measures necessary to protect the health of the population (2022, chapter 15), the public health emergency declared on 13 March 2020 and renewed since was terminated on 1 June 2022;

WHEREAS, under section 2 of that Act, the measures prescribed by various Ministerial Orders made by the Minister of Health and Social Services, in particular by Ministerial Order 2022-033 dated 11 May 2022, remain in force until 31 December 2022;

WHEREAS section 3 of that Act provides that the Government may amend or repeal a Ministerial Order referred to in section 2 to allow a gradual easing of the measures;

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend Ministerial Order 2022-033 dated 11 May 2022 to ease certain measures set in place to protect the health of the population;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Health and Social Services:

THAT the operative part of Ministerial Order 2022-033 dated 11 May 2022 be amended

(1) by replacing the portion before subparagraph 1 of the twelfth paragraph by the following:

“THAT the preceding paragraph not apply if the place of the work of the service provider is situated in any of the following health regions:”;

(2) by striking out “or twelfth” in the thirteenth paragraph;

(3) by striking out the fifteenth and sixteenth paragraphs;

(4) by replacing “in the eleventh and twelfth paragraphs” in the seventeenth paragraph by “in the eleventh paragraph”;

(5) by striking out “, twelfth” in the thirtieth and thirty-first paragraphs