

On June 13, 2002, the Québec National Assembly unanimously passed the Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act (R.S.Q., c. T-11.011). One of the purposes of the Act is to ensure the proper conduct of lobbying activities with public office holders.

An unusual and original approach provided for by the legislator was therefore initiated in order to define the ethical framework within which these lobbying activities have to operate. At the end of a consultation duly conducted with key actors in the fields of lobbying and ethics, a draft code of conduct for lobbyists was developed and submitted to the speaker of the National Assembly within the statutory time limit. This draft code was the subject of a study carried out by a parliamentary committee.

After the parliamentary committee recommendations were referred to me, I adopted on January 29, 2004, the Code of Conduct for Lobbyists, which came into force on March 4, 2004.

In the performance of their lobbying activities with public office holders, lobbyists must observe, under threat of penalty, the provisions of this code of conduct. Public decision-makers are invited to refer to the code to improve their understanding of the ethical framework lobbyists must respect in their communications with them. Finally, I hope the Code of Conduct for Lobbyists will help reassure citizens on the integrity of decision-making processes in the public interest and thus help strengthen their trust in parliamentary, governmental and municipal institutions.

The Lobbyists Commissioner,



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