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Sales Recording Module THE GOVERNMENT PUTS \$44 MILLION MORE ON THE TABLE TO COMPENSATE RESTAURATEURS

The Association des restaurateurs du Québec (ARQ) is proud to announce that the government has agreed to support restaurateurs that must acquire, update or install equipment as required under the new tax measures for mandatory billing in the restaurant sector. The subsidies will provide financial assistance for such things as the purchase of a cash register, printer and cables or the upgrade of a point-of-sale system.

This program is over and above the one that had been announced previously to cover the costs of purchasing and installing a sales recording module (SRM). This means that the government will inject an extra \$44 million in this project.

This is an exceptional gain for our industry and the outcome of intense advocacy efforts by the ARQ over the last months. The ARQ mainly acknowledges Quebec's Revenue and Finance ministers, Messrs. Robert Dutil and Raymond Bachand, and their respective staffs for their attention and diligence in this matter.

The maximum subsidy for equipment needed to operate a SRM will be set based among other things on an establishment's sales figure:

- \$2,000 for a restaurant with sales under \$200,000;
- \$3,000 for a restaurant with sales between \$200,000 and \$1 million;
- \$3,500 for a restaurant with sales above \$1,000,000.

It should be stressed that the subsidy will be cut by half for SRMs activated after March 31, 2011.

As concerns the maximum subsidy for the acquisition, installation and activation of a SRM, it will be set at:

- \$1,053 for the first SRM;
- \$975 for each additional SRM.

Further details on the subsidy program for restaurateurs can be found on the Revenu Québec website.

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Key dates with regard to mandatory billing:

- **September 1, 2010:** All concerned establishments must issue bills to their customers and keep copies for their records.
- **March 31, 2011:** Last day to activate a SRM and get the full subsidy.
- **November 1, 2011:** All concerned QST-registered establishments must issue bills to their customers using a Revenu Québec-approved SRM.
- **December 31, 2011:** Deadline for subsidy requests.

A MODIFIED RULE FOR RESTO-BARS

Following the ARQ's intervention, the government has decided that restaurants with a liquor lounge, pub or tavern license issued under the Act respecting Liquor Permits will be exempted from having to issue bills to customers for beverages served without food in the section covered by the license. However, if a customer also orders food, a bill listing all items ordered including beverages must be provided.

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It already contains a lot of useful information about government measures:

- **An up-to-date list of approved [point-of-sale systems](#), [cash registers](#) and [printers](#)**
- **[A list of the information that must appear on bills issued to customers](#)**
- **[Details on the implementation subsidy program](#)**
- **A newsletter entitled [Information for Restaurateurs – Mandatory Billing in the Restaurant Sector](#)**

Soon to be posted:

- **A list of registered installers**
- **A SRM installation guide**
- **A SRM user guide**