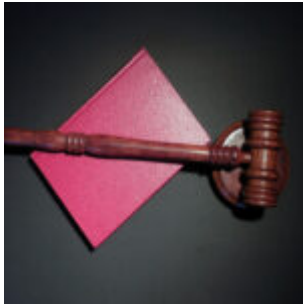


Court Temporarily Bars Controversial Security Rule as Targeting Muslims



A Québec court has temporarily barred the government from enforcing the new law (erstwhile Bill 62) banning people from giving or receiving a public service with their face covered. Civil rights groups contend that the law targets Muslim women for whom wearing the traditional *hiqab* face covering is an important religious custom. The Superior Court ruling puts the legislation on ice unless and until the provincial government devises a fair method for affected individuals to apply for religious accommodations [[National Council of Canadian Muslims c. Attorney General of Quebec](#), 2017 QCCS 5459 (CanLII), Dec. 1, 2017].