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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of the Bill is set out in the Preamble.

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Preamble

The Supply Chain Management Association Ontario has applied for special legislation to repeal the legislation that currently governs it and replace it with legislation establishing a new name for the corporation, the National Institute of Supply Chain Leaders. The new Act grants to all its members who meet the academic, experience and continuing qualification requirements the right to the exclusive use of the designations "NISCL, Certified Supply Chain Leader" and "NISCL-CSCL" and "CSCL". The new Act is otherwise substantially the same as the current Act.

The applicant was incorporated by letters patent dated January 8, 1987 under the name the Ontario Institute of the Purchasing Management Association of Canada Inc. and was continued under that name as a corporation without share capital by the *Ontario Institute of the Purchasing Management Association of Canada Inc. Act, 1987*. The 1987 Act was amended by the *Ontario Institute of the Purchasing Management Association of Canada Inc. Act, 2010*. The applicant's name was changed by supplementary letters patent dated November 20, 2013 to Supply Chain Management Association Ontario. The Supply Chain Management Association Ontario was continued under that name by the *Supply Chain Management Association Ontario Act, 2015*.

It is appropriate to grant the application.

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this Act,

"board" means the board of directors of the National Institute;

"by-laws" means the by-laws of the National Institute;

"National Institute" means the National Institute of Supply Chain Leaders.

National Institute continued

2 (1) The Supply Chain Management Association Ontario is continued as a corporation without share capital under the name National Institute of Supply Chain Leaders.

Membership

(2) The National Institute is composed of the members of the board and the members of the National Institute.

Continuation of present board, officers

(3) The members of the board and the officers of the National Institute in office immediately before this Act comes into force are continued in office until their successors are elected or appointed in accordance with this Act and the by-laws.

References to prior name

(4) Any reference in an Act, regulation or document to the Ontario Institute of the Purchasing Management Association of Canada Inc. or the Supply Chain Management Association Ontario shall be read as a reference to the National Institute of Supply Chain Leaders.

Objects

3 The objects of the National Institute are,

(a) to promote the education and development of its members in the field of supply chain management;

(b) to establish and encourage the application of high standards of ethical conduct among its members;

(c) to disseminate knowledge of the theories, practices, strategies and evolution of supply chain management; and

(d) to promote awareness of the important role of supply chain management in society, as well as the career potential within the field.

Board

4 (1) The affairs of the National Institute shall be managed by the board.

Powers

(2) The following shall be determined by the by-laws:

1. The size and composition of the board.
2. The qualifications, nomination and election or appointment of the members of the board.
3. The terms of office of the members of the board.
4. The declaration and filling of vacancies on the board.
5. The composition, terms of reference and procedures of the committees required by this Act or the by-laws.
6. The calling, holding and conducting of meetings of the board, of the committees of the National Institute and of the members of the National Institute.
7. The election or appointment and removal of the officers of the National Institute, and their duties.
8. Any other matters relevant to the National Institute's corporate governance.

Registrar

5 (1) The National Institute shall appoint a Registrar, who shall perform the functions assigned to the Registrar by this Act and such other duties as may be assigned by the board.

Register

(2) The Registrar shall maintain a register in which shall be entered the names of all the members in good standing of the National Institute and all the members who are entitled to use the designations set out in section 8.

Effects of registration

(3) Only those persons registered as members of the National Institute are entitled to the privileges of membership in the National Institute and only those persons registered as being entitled to use the designations set out in section 8 are entitled to do so.

Public inspection of register

(4) The register must be available for public inspection at the head office of the National Institute during normal office hours, but any officer or employee of the National Institute may refuse any person access to the register if there is cause to believe that the person is seeking access primarily for commercial purposes or purposes unrelated to a particular supply chain management professional's business or profession.

By-laws

6 (1) The board may pass by-laws relating to the administrative and domestic affairs of the National Institute not inconsistent with this Act and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing,

(a) prescribing the qualifications for and conditions of registration for students;

(b) prescribing a curriculum and courses of study to be pursued by students and the subjects upon which students shall be examined;

(c) establishing and prescribing classes of membership, the qualifications for admission to each class of membership, the conditions for continued membership and the privileges and limitations of membership, as are necessary and in the public interest;

(d) prescribing the education, experience and continuing qualification requirements, including a maintenance of professional certification program, to be entitled to use the professional designations set out in section 8;

(e) regulating and governing the conduct of members of the National Institute in the practice of their business or profession by prescribing a code of ethics, rules of professional conduct and standards of practice and governing the form, use, issuance and ownership of seals;

(f) providing for and governing the consideration of complaints to the National Institute about the conduct of its members in the practice of their business or profession, including providing procedures for making, receiving, reviewing and resolving complaints and the establishment of a committee for that purpose, which may be combined with the committee required by clause (g);

(g) providing for and governing the discipline, suspension, expulsion or other penalty for professional misconduct, incapacity, incompetence or failure to pay any required fee, compensation fund levy or insurance premium, including providing procedures and the establishment of a committee for that purpose, which may be combined with the committee required by clause (f);

(h) requiring the payment of fees by members to the National Institute and prescribing the amount of the fees and their manner and time of payment;

(i) authorizing the making of grants for any purpose that may tend to advance supply chain management knowledge and education, improve standards of practice in supply chain management and support and encourage public information and interest in the past and present role of supply chain management in society;

(j) governing the acquisition, management and disposition of the property of the National Institute;

(k) providing for the matters set out subsection 4 (2).

Public availability of by-laws

(2) The National Institute shall,

(a) make the by-laws available for public inspection at the National Institute's head office during normal office hours; and

(b) post the by-laws on the National Institute's public website.

Membership

7 (1) The National Institute shall grant membership in the National Institute, for a term as set out in the by-laws, to any individual who applies for membership in accordance with the by-laws if the individual satisfies the requirements for membership set out in the by-laws.

Renewal of membership

(2) The National Institute shall renew membership in the National Institute, for a term as set out in the by-laws, to any individual who applies for renewal in accordance with the by-laws if the individual satisfies the requirements for membership and renewal set out in the by-laws.

Resignation

(3) A member may resign as a member of the National Institute by giving a written notice of resignation to the Registrar, and the resignation shall be effective on the day it is received by the Registrar or on a later day specified in the notice.

Suspension

(4) An individual whose membership in the National Institute is suspended is not a member of the National Institute for the period of the suspension.

Continuing jurisdiction — resignation, expiry, suspension, revocation

(5) An individual who resigns as a member in the National Institute or whose membership in the National Institute is expired, suspended or revoked continues to be subject to the jurisdiction of the National Institute for professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity referable to any time before the resignation, expiry, suspension or revocation or any time during which the membership was suspended.

Restoration of membership

(6) The board may, by resolution, direct that the membership of an individual whose membership was suspended or revoked through disciplinary proceedings be restored, subject to any terms or conditions that the board considers appropriate.

Proxy voting

(7) At any meeting of the members of the National Institute, members may be represented and vote by proxy, but no proxy shall be exercised by a person who is not a member of the National Institute.

Designations and seal

8 (1) Every member of the National Institute who meets the academic, experience and continuing qualification requirements set out in the by-laws for the use of designations may use any or all of the designations "NISCL, Certified Supply Chain Leader", "NISCL-CSCL" or "CSCL", and may use a seal in a form provided by the by-laws.

Same

(2) An individual who is a member of the National Institute immediately before this Act comes into force, who meets the continuing qualification requirements set out in the by-laws for the use of designations and who was using a designation that was previously permitted under the *Supply Chain Management Association Ontario Act, 2015*, or a predecessor to that Act or both, may use the designations set out in subsection (1), and may use a seal in a form provided by the by-laws.

Offence

(3) Any person in Ontario who is not a member of the National Institute in good standing who is entitled by subsection (1) or (2) to use any or all of the designations "NISCL, Certified Supply Chain Leader", "NISCL-CSCL" or "CSCL", is guilty of an offence,

(a) if that person takes or uses any of those designations, alone or in combination with any other word, name, title, initial or description; or

(b) if that person implies, suggests or holds out that the person is a member of the National Institute in good standing.

Order prohibiting contravention

9 (1) Upon application by the National Institute, the Superior Court of Justice may make an order prohibiting a person from contravening subsection 8 (3), if the court is satisfied that the person is contravening or has contravened that subsection.

No prosecution or conviction required

(2) An order may be made under subsection (1) whether or not the person has been prosecuted for or convicted of the offence of contravening subsection 8 (3).

Variation or discharge

(3) Any person may apply to the Superior Court of Justice for an order varying or discharging an order made under subsection (1).

Evidence

10 (1) A copy of the register, certified by the Registrar as a true copy, shall be received in evidence in any proceeding as proof, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that the individuals identified in the register as members in good standing are members of the National Institute and that the individuals identified in the register as being entitled to use the designations set out in section 8 are entitled to do so.

Same

(2) A certificate purporting to be signed by a person in the person's capacity as the Registrar is proof, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that the person is the Registrar, without any proof of the person's signature or of the person being in fact the Registrar.

Same

(3) The absence of the name of any person from a copy of the register produced under subsection (1) is proof, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that the person is not a member of the National Institute.

Removal from register

11 (1) The board shall cause an individual's name to be removed from the register of members,

(a) at the request or with the written consent of the individual;

(b) if the individual's name is incorrectly entered;

(c) upon receipt of notification of the individual's death; or

(d) if the individual's membership has been suspended or revoked through disciplinary proceedings.

Restoration to register

(2) The board may cause the name of an individual whose name was removed from the register to be restored to the register, and may do so either without requiring the payment of any fee or upon payment to the National Institute of,

(a) an amount not exceeding the fees and other sums in arrears and owing by the individual to the National Institute; and

(b) any additional amount required by the by-laws.

Appeals

12 (1) An individual who has been refused membership, has been refused the right to use the designations set out in section 8 or has been subject to a disciplinary sanction by the National Institute may appeal to the Divisional Court, in accordance with the rules of court, from the refusal or sanction.

Records

(2) Where an individual appeals to the Divisional Court under subsection (1), the Registrar shall forthwith file in the court a record of the proceeding that resulted in the refusal or the decision of the board or committee imposing the sanction which, together with any transcript of evidence, if there is one, shall constitute the record in the appeal.

Grounds of appeal

(3) An appeal under this section may be made on questions of law or fact, or both.

Powers of court

(4) The court may affirm or rescind any decision, may substitute its opinion for that of the National Institute, the board or any committee, may refer the matter back for rehearing, in whole or in part, in accordance with such directions as the court considers proper or may direct the National Institute, the board or any committee to take any action that it is entitled to take.

Rights not affected

13 This Act does not affect or interfere with the right of any person who is not a member of the National Institute to practice as a professional purchaser or supply chain leader in Ontario.

Surpluses

14 All surpluses, profits and other accretions derived from carrying on the activities and affairs of the National Institute shall be devoted and applied solely in promoting and carrying out its objects without gain to its members and shall not be divided among its members.

Protection from liability

15 No action or other proceeding shall be instituted against the National Institute, a committee of the National Institute, a member of the board or of a committee of the National Institute or an officer, employee, agent or appointee of the National Institute for any act done in good faith in the performance or intended performance of a duty or in the exercise or the intended exercise of a power under this Act or the by-laws, or for any neglect or default in the performance or exercise in good faith of such duty or power.

Repeals

16 The *Supply Chain Management Association Ontario Act, 2015* is repealed.

Commencement

17 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

18 The short title of this Act is the *National Institute of Supply Chain Leaders Act, 2026*.