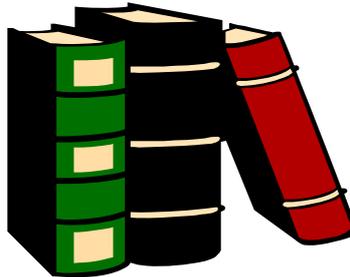




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# **LAW ON AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW ON RIGHTS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES**

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# PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Pursuant to Article IV. 4. a) of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the session of the House of Representatives held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2005, and at the session of the House of Peoples held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2005, have adopted the

## LAW ON AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW ON RIGHTS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES

### Article 1

In paragraph 2 of the Article 2 of the Law on Rights of National Minorities (“Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina”, No. 12/03), the word “*direktno*” (directly) shall be replaced by word “*neposredno*” (directly)<sup>1</sup>.

### Article 2

In Article 6, after the word “facilitate”, a comma and the word “support” shall be added.

### Article 3

In paragraph 1 of the Article 10, after the words: “Members of national minorities”, a comma and the words: “their associations, institutions and other entities and forms of organization and activity” shall be added.

Paragraph 2 of the same Article shall be amended to read:

“At organized manifestations, gatherings, along with the symbols of the national minorities, other official symbols (state, entity, cantonal, city and municipal) shall be displayed in accordance with applicable regulations”.

### Article 4

In Article 12, the words: “apsolutnu ili relativnu” (absolute or relative) shall be deleted.

### Article 5

Article 14 shall be amended to read:

“Members of national minorities may study the language, literature, history and culture also in the language of the national minority they belong to.

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<sup>1</sup> The word is replaced with its synonym – translator’s remark.

Educational authorities in BiH, within its curricula (preschool, primary and secondary) shall be obliged in the schools where the students – members of a national minority comprise at least one-third, to secure the education in the language of that minority, and if they comprise one-fifth – shall secure the additional education on the language, literature, history and culture also in the language of the national minority they belong, if the majority of their parents demands so.

For the purposes of the realization of rights referred to in Paragraph above the competent educational authorities shall be bound to secure funds for the education of teachers to teach in the language of the national minority, to ensure the space and other requirements for the additional classes as well as printing of textbooks in the languages of national minorities.”

#### Article 6

Paragraph 1 of Article 16 shall be amended to read:

“Radio and TV stations that exercise the role of the public service, and whose founders are BiH, entities, cantons, cities, and municipalities shall be obliged to provide in their program schedules the special programs for members of national minorities and they may also provide for other materials in the languages of the minorities, as well as programmes in the official languages about the members of national minorities in BiH”.

#### Article 7

In paragraph 3 of Article 17, the words: “monuments of culture and tradition in BiH and its Entities” shall be replaced by words: “cultural-historical and architectural heritage in BiH and its Entities”.

#### Article 8

Article 18 shall be amended to read:

“Members of the national minorities referred to in Article 3 of this Law shall be entitled to employment with the administrative authorities and other public services at all levels, in proportion to the percentage of their participation in the population in line with the latest census in BiH in accordance with the laws regulating this matter.

Competent authorities: state, entities, cantons and municipalities etc, may by their regulations temporarily specify the higher quotas for employment of the members of the national minorities, and also undertake the other measures appropriate for achieving the speedier and more comprehensive equality of the members of the national minorities”.

#### Article 9

In Article 19, the words: “and other public services” shall be deleted.

#### Article 10

In Article 20, paragraph 3 shall be deleted.

#### Article 11

In Article 21, a new paragraph that shall be added as paragraph 2, shall read:

“The Parliamentary Assembly of BiH shall make the decision on establishment of BiH Council of National Minorities within 60 days from the day this Law enters into force”.

#### Article 12

In Article 22, paragraph 2, after the words: “Human Rights Commission”, the words: “and other commissions and working bodies” shall be added.

#### Article 13

In Article 25, the words: “In accordance with the criminal laws of the entities in BiH” shall be deleted, and a new paragraph that shall be added as paragraph 2, shall read:

“Criminal prosecution and sanctioning of the perpetrators referred to in the previous paragraph shall be carried out in accordance with the corresponding criminal or misdemeanor legislation in BiH”.

#### Article 14

In Article 26, after the words: “Republika Srpska and the BiH Federation”, the words: “and Brčko District” shall be added.

#### Article 15

This Law shall enter into force on the eighth day of its publication in the “Official Gazette of BiH”.

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5<sup>th</sup> October 2005

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