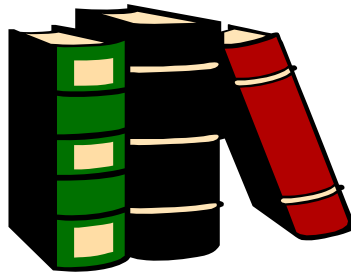




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# **LAW AMENDING THE LAW ON MINISTRIES AND OTHER BODIES OF ADMINISTRATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

**“Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina”, 42/03**

**NOTE: The Law on Ministries and Other Bodies of Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina was published in the “Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina”, 5/03.**

Pursuant to Article IV.4 of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the session of the House of Representatives, held on 2 December 2003, and the session of the House of Peoples, held on 29 November 2003, enacted the following

## **LAW AMENDING THE LAW ON MINISTRIES AND OTHER BODIES OF ADMINISTRATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

### **Article 1**

In the Law on Ministries and Other Bodies of Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina, No. 5/03), in Article 7, paragraph 1, after the last sub-paragraph, after the words: “*Ministry of Civil Affairs*”, at the end the full-point is to be replaced by a comma, and the new sub-paragraph shall be added to read as follows:

“- *Ministry of Defense*”.

### **Article 2**

After Article 15, the new Article 15a shall be added to read as follows:

“*The Ministry of Defense shall be responsible for:*

- *Creating and sustaining defense capability in order to ensure the protection of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence, and international personality of Bosnia and Herzegovina;*
- *Supervision of all aspects of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina;*
- *Representing Bosnia and Herzegovina in international relationships related to defence matters;*
- *Developing, reviewing and updating the Defense Policy of Bosnia and Herzegovina approved by the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina;*
- *Developing and approving policies and regulations governing the organization, administration, training, equipping, and employment of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina;*
- *Ensuring that Bosnia and Herzegovina fulfill its international obligations related to defense matters;*
- *Activating reserve contingent units and reservist categories for any operation other than planned training;*
- *Deploying or employing any element from the armed forces outside Bosnia and Herzegovina for any operation or training activity,*
- *Issuing instructions to the Chief of Staff of the Joint Headquarters of Bosnia and Herzegovina for employing or deploying any unit of the armed forces inside BiH for purposes other than training;*
- *Establishing procedures to approve military assistance to civil authorities in cases of natural disasters and accidents, under powers delegated by the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina;*
- *Establishing procedures to ensure transparency of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Defense functions; and*
- *Other competencies defined in law.”*

### **Article 3**

This Law shall enter into force on the eighth day after its publication in the Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina and shall also be published in the official gazettes of both entities and Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Parliamentary Assembly BiH, No. 129/03  
2 December 2003  
Sarajevo

Chair  
of the House of Representatives  
of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly  
**dr. Nikola Spiric**, *manu proprio*

Chair  
of the House of Peoples  
of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly  
**Mustafa Pamuk**, *manu proprio*