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LAW ON AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW ON TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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On the basis of Article IV. 4.a) of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the Session of the House of Peoples which was held on 30 September 2004 and the session of the House of the Representatives which was held on 12 of October adopted the following:

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Article 1

Article 1 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina (“Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina” No. 4/97, 1/99, 9/99, 27/00, 32/00 and 19/01) shall be amended to read as follows:

“This Law shall regulate the types, form and the contents of the travel documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the bodies competent for issuance of the travel documents, the procedures of travel documents’ issuance and the central register of travel documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina.”

Article 2

In Article 5, following Paragraph 1, the new Paragraph 2 shall be added to read as follows:

“The citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina may use the identity card to cross the state border under conditions prescribed by Bilateral Agreements between Bosnia and Herzegovina and other states.”

Article 3

Paragraph 3 of Article 8 shall be deleted.

In Article 8, Paragraph 4, Item b) the words: “The children younger than 16 years of age whose names are written in it must be accompanied by the passport holder” shall be replaced by the words:

“The passport holder younger than 15 years of age may travel abroad if accompanied by parent, proxy i.e. if s/he travels in company of any other person s/he has to have the approval of both parents or the proxy, i.e. the guardian verified by the competent authority”.

In Article 8, Paragraph 4, and Item c) the new sentence shall be added to read as follows:

“When the passport holder is the minor or the preschooler, the blind person or the person who, due to some corporal defects, is not able to put his/her signature on the passport the passport shall be valid even without signature of the passport holder.

Article 4

In Article 10, following Paragraph 4, the new Paragraph 5 shall be added to read as follows:

“While travelling the persons registered in the collective passport must carry their identity cards or some other documents to prove identify the but the trip manager must have the passport.”

The previous Paragraph 5 of the Article 10 shall now become Paragraph 6.

Article 5

Article 11 shall be deleted.

Article 6

Paragraph 2 of Article 12 shall be amended to read as follows:

“The Ministry of Civil Affairs of BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA shall prescribe the appearance and the contents of the travel certificate.”

Article 7

In Article 15 Paragraph 2 the words: “The validity of the passport issued in line with this Article shall not exceed three months’ period” shall be deleted.

Article 8

In Article 18 Paragraph 3 after Item c) the new Item d) shall be added to read as follows:

“d) If the court’s decision ruled the guardianship over the child to one of the parents, excluding the case when the issuance of the travel document and the voyage of the child abroad is not made conditional upon by both parents’ consent.”

Article 9

In Article 19 Paragraph 1 after the word “identity” the words “and permanent residence” shall be added.

Paragraph 2 of Article 19 shall be amended to read as follows:

“One photograph being reliable representation of the passport holder appearance and the proof of payment of travel document’s fees shall be attached together with request for issuance of the travel document. No administrative tariff shall be paid in the procedure of issuance of the travel documents in Bosnia and Herzegovina.”

In Article 19, Paragraph 4 the number “15” shall be replaced by the number “30” the full stop after the word “demands” shall be deleted and the words: “with the exception of cases of deciding on requests for issuance of the travel documents submitted before diplomatic or consular offices of Bosnia and Herzegovina in which case the deadline to resolve the request shall be 60 days from the day of its submission”.

Article 10

New Articles 19a. and 19b. shall be added after Article 19 and they shall read as follows:

Article 19a

The passport holder shall be obliged to immediately inform the authority competent for travel documents’ issuance about travel document’s loss or its’ finding.

The competent authority shall issue the decision declaring the travel document invalid.

No appeal shall be permitted against decision as referred to by previous Paragraph.

The travel document shall be publicly declared invalid in “Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina,” Official Gazette of Entities or “Official Gazette of Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina”.

Article 19b

At the request of the holder of the travel document the authority competent for travel document’s issuance shall change the travel document whose deadline has not expired yet if the travel document is filled, damaged, destroyed or the travel document holder’s identification data have been changed and shall issue the new travel document”.

Article 11

In Article 21, Paragraph 1, Item 2 at the end of the wording the full stop shall be deleted and the words: “Upon demand of the competent Prosecutor’s Office” shall be added.

In Article 21, Paragraph 1, Item 3 at the end of the wording the full stop shall be deleted and the words: “Upon demand of the competent court” shall be added.

In Article 21, Paragraph 1, behind Item 3, the new Item 4 shall be added to read as follows:

“4. If there is grounded suspicion that the applicant may avoid to carry out the due property-legal obligations deriving from the marital relations or the parents – children relations, tax obligations, or any other legally established property-legal obligation where the enforcement authority has been identified – upon demand of the competent court.”

In Article 21 following Paragraph 1 the new Paragraph 2 shall be added to read as follows:

“The claim for travel documents’ issuance may be rejected if there is a grounded suspicion that the applicant may act contrary to the regulations on prohibition or limitation of export or import, transport or circulation of the narcotics or against regulations in the sphere of customs i.e. foreign trade’.

The previous Paragraph 2 shall now become Paragraph 3.

In Article 21 the new Paragraph 4 shall be added to read as follows:

“The competent authorities shall be obliged to regularly deliver the data as referred to by Paragraphs 1 and 2, except for the data as referred to by Paragraph 1, Item 1 of this Article, to the authorities competent for travel documents issuance. The authorities competent for issuance of the travel documents shall, for the purpose of this Article, manage the special records on disseminated data being the obstacle for travel documents’ issuance and record them electronically into the central register of the travel documents.

Article 12

In Article 23, Paragraph 1, Item d) after the words “Items 2 and 3” the words “Item 4 as well as the obstacle as referred to by Paragraph 2, Article 21 of this Law” shall be added.

Article 13

Following Article 25 the new Articles 25a., 25b. and 25c., shall be added to read as follows:

Article 25a.

The fines ranging from KM 200 to KM 400 shall be imposed on the following minor offences’ perpetrators:

1. The one who travels without visa to the countries where visa is required (Article 12a.);

2. The one who possesses more than one travel documents of the same type (Article 4);
3. The one who has obtained travel documents or visas by providing false or misleading information to the competent body (Article 23).

For the minor offences as referred to Paragraph 1, Item 1), 2) and 3) of this Article the protective measure of travel document's taking away may be pronounced i.e. protective measure to ban issuance of the travel documents up to 2 years period of time.

The person who attempts to commit a minor offence as referred to by Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be punished with a fine in the amount of KM 200.

Article 25b.

The fines ranging from KM 300 to KM 500 shall be imposed on the persons who commit the following minor offenses:

1. Person who allows someone else to use his/her travel document or use someone else's travel documents as his/her own (Article 23);

Person who fails to immediately inform competent authority that the travel document has been missing or that it has is been found (Article 19a).

Article 25c.

The minor offence procedure as referred to by previous Articles shall be carried out in line with appropriate Entity regulations in this field.”

Article 14

Article 30 shall be amended to read as follows:

“The travel documents issued by the date of this Law entering into force shall be valid until the date which was indicated in this travel document.

Article 15

Articles 14 and 15 of the Law on Amendments of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina (“Official Gazette Bosnia and Herzegovina“ No. 19/01) shall be deleted.

In the wording of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina the words: “Ministry for Civil Affairs and Communications” shall be replaced by the words: “Ministry for Civil Affairs”.

Article 16

This Law shall enter into force on the eighth day after being published in the “Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina” and it shall also be published in the Official Gazettes of the Entities and the Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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