

**FBiH Government session took place yesterday**

## **Bulldozer Committee Proposals Adopted**

**[P.5] FBiH Government session that took place yesterday in Sarajevo was completely dedicated to implementation of the Bulldozer Committee proposals about laws that should improve implementation of economic reforms and creation of a favorable business environment.**

The required changes in the area of claims on bank accounts were implemented yesterday in the defined Law proposal on amendments to the Law on executive procedures. The proposal of amendments to the FBiH Law on chambers of commerce anticipates six-month interim period, when new legal provisions shall be implemented. This was done so that chambers of commerce are able to transform and start functioning based on the new organization, as the key change in the Law is abolishing of compulsory membership in chambers of commerce.

Membership in the FBiH Craft Chamber shall also be voluntary, instead of the existing compulsory membership, in accordance with defined amendments to the Craft Law.

The possibility of hiring trainees without being full time employees, provided that they have certain rights on health and pension insurance and the right on a fee (at least 80% of the lowest salary, with the possibility that the employer and trainee agree on a higher amount), break during the working day, between two working days in a row and a weekly repose are novelties in the proposed Law on amendments to the Law on labor.

### **Sales tax for excise products**

During the training, a trainee shall not be erased from the records on the unemployed.

Also, the law in the same way defines volunteers' rights, except for the fees.

According to the proposed law on amendments to the Defense Law, provision on financing of construction and maintenance of shelters for protection of people and material

property is to be erased, because the Law on protection and saving of people and material property from elements and other accidents, which is at the parliamentary procedure in the form of proposal. Also, law proposals on amendments to the Law on bill of exchange and the Law on payment transactions were defined. They create conditions for uninterrupted collection of the bill of exchange within the payment transaction system. The FBiH Banking Agency prepared amendments to the Instructions for licensing and other agency approvals, in accordance with Bulldozer Committee recommendations. The Agency Board is in charge of adopting these changes, as this is a bylaw, and they will do it by 20<sup>th</sup> of April.

### **Canton tourist communities can establish branches**

Principles for changing sales tax collection points for excise products were adopted. Aim of the solutions is to avoid double taxation. As the proposed law on amendments to the Law on tourist communities and tourism promotion precisely defines, these communities are formed on Federation and canton levels, and canton tourist communities can establish branches. Membership with a community is compulsory for everyone who is in tourist-catering business in the area of FBiH.

The Government passed the Bylaw on amendments to the Bylaw on memberships with tourist communities, defining that it becomes effective one day after it is published in the FBiH Official Gazette.

