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# LAW ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA CRIMINAL CODE

**“Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, 19/25**

**NOTE: The Criminal Code of Republika Srpska was published in the “Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, 64/17.**

**NOTE:** In the case no. **U-7/25**, “Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina”, 14/25, the Constitutional Court has temporarily suspended the effect of the Law on Non-Application of Laws and Ban on Operation of Extra-Constitutional Institutions of BiH (Official Gazette of the Republika Srpska, 19/25), Law Amending the Criminal Code of the Republika Srpska (*Official Gazette of the Republika Srpska*, 19/25), Decision on Measures and Tasks Arising from Unconstitutional Decisions and Actions of Extra-Constitutional Institutions of BiH (*Official Gazette of the Republika Srpska*, 19/25) and the Conclusions of the Caucuses of the National Assembly Deputies of the SNSD, NPS-DNS, DEMOS-SPS, SP and US with regard to the Information on Subversion of the Constitution of BiH, Measures and Tasks with a view to Protecting the Constitution of BiH, which were adopted at the seventeenth special session of the National Assembly of the Republika Srpska held on 26 February 2025.

Pursuant to Article 80, paragraph (1), sub-paragraph 4 of the Republika Srpska Constitution, the President of the Republic has hereby issued the following

**DECREE**  
**PROMUGLATING THE LAW ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA**  
**CRIMINAL CODE**

I have hereby promulgated the Law on An Amendment to the Republika Srpska Criminal Code, which was adopted by the Republika Srpska National Assembly at its Eighteenth Special Session, held on 27 February 2025, with regard to which on 5 March 2025 the Council of Peoples concluded that the adopted Law on An Amendment to the Republika Srpska Criminal Code does not affect the vital national interest of any of the constituent peoples in Republika Srpska, as a result of which the formal legal requirements for the issuance of this decree have been met.

No: 01-020-837/25  
Date: 5 March 2025  
Banja Luka

President of the Republic,  
**Milorad Dodik**, *manu propria*

**LAW ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA CRIMINAL CODE**

**Article 1**

In the Republika Srpska Criminal Code (“Republika Srpska Official Gazette”, Nos. 64/17, 104/18 – Decision of the Republika Srpska Constitutional Court, 15/21, 89/21 and 73/23), after Article 278, the title of a new article and a new Article 278a shall be added to read:

**“Article 278a**  
**Failure to Comply with or Enforce Decisions**  
**of the Republika Srpska Institutions or Authorities**

(1) An official or responsible person within an institution of Republika Srpska or within a local self-government unit, or in any authority of a local self-government unit, as well as an official or responsible person from Republika Srpska performing the duties within the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina, who fails to apply, implement or enforce, or in any other way fails to comply with a decision of the institutions or authorities of Republika Srpska, or who prevents or otherwise obstructs the application, implementation or enforcement of such a decision, shall be punished by imprisonment for a term between six months and five years.

(2) For the criminal offense referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article, a security measure of ban on carrying out of a profession, activity or duty shall be imposed.”

## **Article 2**

This law shall enter into force on the day following the date of its publication in the “Republika Srpska Official Gazette.”

No: 02/1-021-205/25  
Date: 27 February 2025

**SPEAKER OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
Nenad Stevandić**