

Law of Georgia

Amendments to the “Law on Public Health”

Article 1. The following Articles 45³ and 45⁴ shall be added to the “Law on Public Health” (Legislative Herald, №26, 11.07.2007, Art. 244):

„Article 45³. Interim measures to be implemented until 15 July 2020

1. The isolation or quarantine regulations shall be introduced by the Government of Georgia or the Ministry indicated by the Government. These regulations may impose special quarantine measures which constitute the integral part of the regulations. The regulations may also determine the authorities and officials responsible to execute the imposed measures, which may differ from those determined by this Law.

2. For the purpose of this article the quarantine measures are:

- a) A set of measures imposed on uninfected person who had contact or might have had contact with the case of disease during the contagious period;
- b) Measures aimed at protecting the public health introduced by this law or by other normative acts adopted on the basis of this law, which are applicable in the interim period of pandemic or epidemic situations of particular threat to public health. These measures may entail regulations different from those already introduced by other normative acts of Georgia and may include *inter alia*, imposing of certain restrictions for an interim period related to: activities/administration of state agencies or agencies operating under the executive body, legal entities of public law and other legal entities; public service delivery; movement of persons; property; labour; professional or economic activities; illegal migration/international protection; or/and gathering of people for social events.

3. Interference with rights under this article shall:

- a) pursue the legitimate aims enshrined in the relevant provisions of the Constitution of Georgia;
- b) be prescribed by law or other normative act;
- c) be necessary in a democratic society;
- d) not have a discriminatory character;
- e) be proportionate to the aim pursued;
- f) strike a fair balance between the protected and restricted interests.

4. The decision on placing a person in isolation or quarantine shall be made in accordance with the principles of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

5. Upon imposing isolation or quarantine on a person, he/she shall be informed promptly, in a manner which he/she understands of the:

- a) reasons for his/her placement in isolation and/or quarantine;
- b) right to legal assistance;
- c) right to inform his/her relatives or the hierarchy of his/her work or educational institutions about his/her transfer to isolation and/or quarantine.

6. In case of transfer of the minor to isolation and/or quarantine, his/her parent or legal guardian shall be informed at earliest convenience.

Article 45⁴. Application of Article 45³

Article 45³ is in force until 15 July 2020.

Article 2. This law comes into forces upon publication.

President of Georgia

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