## Law of Georgia on amendments to the Criminal Code of Georgia

**Article 1.** Following amendment shall be made to the Criminal Code of Georgia (Georgian Legislative Herald, Nº41(48), 1999 Art. 209):

- 1. Article 120, paragraph 2, subparagraph A shall be amended as follows:
- "a) knowingly against a minor, a helpless person, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a pregnant woman;"
- 2. Article 126:
- a) Paragraph 1<sup>1</sup>, subparagraph A shall be amended as follows:
- "a) knowingly against a minor, a helpless person, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a pregnant woman;"
- b) Paragraph 2, subparagraph D shall be amended as follows:
- "d) knowingly by the offender against a minor, a helpless person, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a person who depends on the offender materially or otherwise;"
- 3. Article 126<sup>1</sup>, Paragraph 2, subparagraph A shall be amended as follows:
- a) knowingly against a minor, a helpless person, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a pregnant woman;
- 4. Article 133, Paragraph 2, shall be amended as follows:
- 2. The same act committed by a person convicted of illegal abortion, or knowingly by the offender against a person with mental health disorder or/and which has resulted in a permanent loss of ability to procreate or other grave consequences,
- shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of two to five years, with deprivation of the right to hold an office or to carry out activities for up to three years.
- 5. Article 1331, Paragraph 2, subparagraph B shall be amended as follows:

- b) knowingly by an offender against a minor, a helpless person, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a pregnant woman;
- 6. Article 1332, Paragraph 2, subparagraph B shall be amended as follows:
- b) knowingly by an offender against a minor, a helpless person, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a pregnant woman;
- 7. Article 134, paragraph 2 shall be amended as follows:
- 2. The same act committed knowingly by the offender against a pregnant woman, minor or helpless person, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a person who materially or otherwise depends on the offender,
- shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of three to five years, with deprivation of the right to hold an office or to carry out activities for up to three years.
- 8. Article 137, paragraph 3, subparagraph D shall be amended as follows:
- d) knowingly by an offender against a minor, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a pregnant woman;
- 9. Article 138, paragraph 2, subparagraph D shall be amended as follows:
- d) committed knowingly by an offender against a minor, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a pregnant woman;
- 10. Article 139, paragraph 3, subparagraph D shall be amended as follows:
- d) knowingly by an offender against a minor, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a pregnant woman;
- 11. Article 140, paragraph 2, subparagraph A shall be amended as follows:
- a) knowingly by an offender against a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a pregnant woman;
- 12. Article 141, paragraph 2, subparagraph A shall be amended as follows:

- a) knowingly by an offender against a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a pregnant woman;
- 13. Article 142<sup>3</sup> shall be added to the Code as follows:

Article 1423 – Restriction of rights of persons with mental health disorder

- 1. Refusing a person with mental health disorder to exercise the right granted by law and/or an international treaties to which Georgia is a party, based on their mental health disorder, which substantially breaches his/her right,
- shall be punished by a fine and/or by imprisonment for a term of up to two years.
- 2. The same act:
- a) committed repeatedly;
- b) committed by abusing official position;
- c) committed with violence or threat of violence;
- d) which caused serious consequences,
- shall be punished by a fine or imprisonment for a term of two to five years.

## Note:

- 1. For the act provided by this article, the fine for a natural person shall be no less than a double amount of the fine provided by the Law of Georgia on mental health for the same offence."
- 2. For the act provided by this article, a legal person shall be punished by liquidation or deprivation of the right to carry out activities and/or with a fine, which cannot be less than a double amount of the fine provided by the Law of Georgia on mental health for the same offence."
- 14. Article 1424 shall be added to the Code as follows:

Article 1424. Violation of the Law of Georgia on Mental Health

- 1. Committing an administrative offence under the Law of Georgia on "Mental Health", by a person who was previously subjected to an administrative penalty for committing such or other offence set by the Law of Georgia on "Mental Health or by a person convicted for this crime,
- shall be punished by a fine and/or by imprisonment for a term of up to two years.
- 2. The same act:
- a) committed repeatedly;
- b) committed by abusing official position;
- c) committed with violence or threat of violence;
- d) which caused serious consequences,

– shall be punished by a fine or imprisonment for a term of two to five years.

## Note:

- 1. For the act provided by this article, the fine for a natural person shall be no less than a double amount of the fine provided by the Law of Georgia on mental health for the same offence."
- 2. For the act provided by this article, a legal person shall be punished by liquidation or deprivation of the right to carry out activities and/or with a fine, which cannot be less than a double amount of the fine provided by the Law of Georgia on mental health for the same offence."
- 15. Article 143, paragraph 3, subparagraph D shall be amended as follows:
- d) knowingly by the offender against a pregnant woman, a minor or a helpless person, a person with disability or/and with mental health disorder;
- 16. Article 143<sup>1</sup>, paragraph 2, subparagraph B shall be amended as follows:
- b) knowingly by the offender against a helpless person, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a person who financially or otherwise depends on the offender;
- 17. Article 143<sup>2</sup>, paragraph 2, subparagraph B shall be amended as follows:
- b) knowingly by the offender against a helpless person, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a person who financially or otherwise depends on the offender;
- 18. Article 143<sup>3</sup>, paragraph 2, subparagraph C shall be amended as follows:
- c) knowingly by the offender against a helpless person, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a person who financially or otherwise depends on the offender;
- 19. Article 144, paragraph 2, subparagraph G shall be amended as follows:
- g) knowingly by the offender against a pregnant woman, a minor or a helpless person, a person with disability or/and with mental health disorder;
- 20. Article 1441, paragraph 2, subparagraph G shall be amended as follows:

- g) knowingly by the offender against a pregnant woman, a minor, a person arrested or otherwise deprived of freedom, a helpless person, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a person dependent on the offender materially or otherwise;
- 21. Article 1442, paragraph 2 shall be amended as follows:
- 2. The same act committed:
- a) repeatedly;
- b) knowingly by the offender against a person with mental health disorder, -
- shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of two to four years, with or without restriction of the rights regarding weapons.
- 22. Article 1443, paragraph 2, subparagraph G shall be amended as follows:
- g) knowingly by the offender against a pregnant woman, a minor, a person arrested or otherwise deprived of freedom, a helpless person a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a person dependent on the offender materially or otherwise;
- 23. Article 150, paragraph 2, subparagraph A shall be amended as follows:
- a) knowingly by an offender against a minor, a person in a helpless condition, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a pregnant woman;
- 24. Article 151, paragraph 2, subparagraph C shall be amended as follows:
- c) premeditatedly by a perpetrator against a pregnant woman, a person in a helpless condition, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a minor,
- 25. Article 151<sup>1</sup>, paragraph 2, subparagraph A shall be amended as follows:
- a) knowingly by an offender against a minor, a person in a helpless condition, a person with disability, with mental health disorder or/and a pregnant woman;
- 26. Paragraph 3, subparagraph C shall be added to the Article 157:
- c) knowingly by the offender against a person with mental health disorder, -

- 27. Paragraph 3, subparagraph C shall be added to the Article 1571:
- c) knowingly by the offender against a person with mental health disorder, -
- 28. Paragraph 3, subparagraph C shall be added to the Article 158:
- c) knowingly by the offender against a person with mental health disorder, -
- 29. Paragraph 3, subparagraph C shall be added to the Article 159:
- c) knowingly by the offender against a person with mental health disorder, -

**Article 2**. This law shall enter into its legal force upon its publication.

President of Georgia

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## Article 149 - Illegal placement or arrest in a psychiatric hospital

- 1. Illegal placement or arrest in a psychiatric hospital,
- shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of three to six years, with or without restriction of the rights regarding weapons.
- 2. The same act:
- a) committed by abusing one's official position;
- b) which resulted in the death of an affected person by negligence, or another grave consequence;
- c) committed repeatedly,
- shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of five to nine years, with or without deprivation of the right to hold an office or carry out activities for a term of up to three years, with or without restriction of the rights regarding weapons.