

**LEGISLATIVE MONITORING
for July 2015**

Legislative act	Status (date of approval/further consideration)	Short overview
LEGAL ACTS OF THE VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE		
<u>Law of Ukraine “On the ratification of the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Belarus on the procedure of crossing the Ukrainian-Belarusian state border by the residents of Rokytno district of Rivne region, Ukraine, and the Stolin district of Brest region, the Republic of Belarus” of 1 July 2015 No. 566-VIII</u>	Entered into force on 26 July 2015	The Agreement is aimed at preserving and developing economic, cultural and other traditional relations between the residents of border regions of Ukraine and the Republic of Belarus by creating favorable conditions for crossing the Ukrainian-Belarusian state border in local (simplified) border crossing points for the residents of border regions.
<u>Law of Ukraine “On the ratification of the Agreement (by exchange of notes) between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Poland on the reciprocal employment of family members of the staff of foreign diplomatic missions” of 17 June 2015 No. 528-VIII</u>	Entered into force on 13 July 2015	The governments of both states have agreed, following the principle of reciprocity, that the family members of the staff of Ukraine’s foreign diplomatic missions in Poland and those of Poland in Ukraine will be employed in the host state according to its legislation and the provisions of this Agreement, which includes, inter alia, an exemption from the requirement of receiving a work permit.
<u>Draft Law of Ukraine “On services and the service centers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine” (No. 2567 of 6 April 2015, Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine)</u>	Adopted in the first reading on 14 July 2015	The provisions of this draft law are aimed at regulating public relations involved in providing administrative and other services by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine. These services include providing access to the database of lost passports to legal persons.
<u>Draft Law of Ukraine “On external labor migration” (No. 2330a of 10 July 2015, Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine)</u>	Included in the agenda on 14 July 2015	The main purpose of this draft law is to establish legal norms and the organizational foundation of the travel, employment and social protection of Ukrainian citizens working abroad and their family members. The draft law proposes to fix at the legislative level the rights of migrant workers and their family members.
<u>Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending certain legislative acts of Ukraine regarding the enforcement of rules of entry to Ukraine, including the temporarily occupied territory, and exit from it” (No. 2285a of 3 July 2015, MP M.L.</u>	Sent to MPs for review on 7 July 2015	The draft law proposes to prevent agents providing transport or tourist services in violation of the established procedure for entry to the temporarily occupied territory and exit from it from conducting business activities, as well as to introduce criminal

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[Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending annex No. 3 to the Law of Ukraine “On the State Budget of Ukraine for 2015” \(on ensuring the demarcation of the Ukrainian-Russian state border\)](#)
(No. 2348a of 14 July 2015, MP D.I. Andriievsky, MP A.V. Shynkovych)

Sent to MPs for review on 16 July 2015

punishment for such violations.

The draft law is aimed at ensuring the necessary topographic, land surveying, mapping, hydrographic engineering and land use works by increasing disbursements, by UAH 71,849,700, to the State Service of Ukraine for Land Surveying, Mapping and Cadaster under the budget program “National topographic, land surveying and mapping works; demarcation and delimitation of the state border”.

[Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending the Criminal Code of Ukraine regarding the improvement of the classification of crimes committed on the grounds of ethnicity, race, religious hatred or hostility”](#)
(No. 2314a of 8 July 2015, MP O.M. Dmytrenko)

Sent to MPs for review on 10 July 2015

The draft law is aimed, inter alia, at the elimination of “violence” as a qualifying feature of part two of article 161 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine in order to remove conflict with the identical features of other crimes.

[Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending certain legislative acts of Ukraine with regard to guaranteeing the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons”](#)
(No. 2331a of 10 July 2015, Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine)

Sent to MPs for review on 14 July 2015

The draft law is aimed at protecting the rights and observing the freedoms of foreigners, refugees and stateless persons who are internally displaced person in the territory of Ukraine.

[Draft Law of Ukraine “On the ratification of ILO Convention No. 117 concerning Basic Aims and Standards of Social Policy”](#) (No. 0055 of 28 July 2015, President of Ukraine)

Sent to MPs for review on 31 July 2015

The Convention envisages, inter alia, the protection of the interests of migrant workers.

OTHER LEGAL ACTS

[Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 15 June 2015 No. 428 “On amending point 7 of the Procedure of processing and issuing registration certificates to persons displaced from the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine, the region of the counter-terrorist operation or a populated area located on the contact line”](#)

Entered into force on 2 July 2015

Amendments to point 7 of the said Procedure, approved by Regulation No. 428 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 15 June 2015, are designed to ensure that officials provide more exact information regarding opening by displaced persons bank accounts for receiving financial assistance.

[Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 8 July 2015 No. 463 “On repealing certain resolutions of the Cabinet](#)

Entered into force on 15 July 2015

Resolution No. 491 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 14 April 2004 “On approval of the Rules of processing and issuing a certificate of Ukrainian citizenship”

of Ministers of Ukraine”

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 8 July 2015 No. 505 “On approval of the Main ways of resolving employment issues of internally displaced persons for 2015-2016”

Entered into force
on 7 August 2015

and subsequent amendments to these Rules are being repealed.

This legal act is aimed at ensuring the employment and increasing the competitiveness of internally displaced persons on the labor market through professional training, re-training or enhancing their skills. By creating conditions for the employment of this category of persons, the resolution will help decrease social tension in society and resolve issues with material provision for internally displaced persons.

Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 24 June 2015 No. 636-r “On amending point 13 of the action plan to introduce documents confirming Ukrainian citizenship or proving the identity of a person or their special status in which contactless electronic chips are implanted, and on the creation of the national system of biometric verification and identification of Ukrainian citizens, foreigners and stateless persons for 2014-2017”

Entered into force
on 24 June 2015

The State Migration Service of Ukraine and other competent state authorities are instructed to ensure, in 2016-2017, the processing and issuing of the passport of a Ukrainian citizen in a new form (an ID-1 plastic card with a contactless electronic chip).

Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 26 June 2015 No. 669-r “On the implementation of the pilot project in the area of state registration of civil status acts”

Entered into force
on 26 June 2015

The implementation of the pilot project envisages, among other things, that state civil status registration offices will accept, via the Internet, applications from natural persons generated with the help of the software of the State Register of Civil Status Acts to be further signed in these offices; accept applications with a digital signature; perform registration of visitors online, etc.

Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 8 July 2015 No. 695-r “On approval of the action plan to organize joint operational protection of the state border with the member states of the European Union: the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic, Romania and Hungary, and with the Republic of Moldova”

Entered into force
on 8 July 2015

The activities are planned mostly for 2015 and involve closer cooperation while controlling persons, goods and vehicles crossing the common state border, joint patrolling of the border, operation of contact points, exchange of statistical and analytical information on the situation on the common border, etc.

Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 8 July 2015 No. 707-r “On the dismissal of H.V. Druzenko from the office of Government Commissioner for Ethnonational Policy”

Entered into force
on 8 July 2015

H.V. Druzenko is dismissed from the office of Government Commissioner for Ethnonational Policy to which he was appointed on 18 June 2014.

[Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 8 July 2015 No. 721-r “On the dismissal of Yu.V. Serhiienko from the office of First Deputy Head of the State Migration Service of Ukraine”](#)

Entered into force on 8 July 2015

Yu.V. Serhiienko is dismissed from the office of First Deputy Head of the State Migration Service of Ukraine.

[Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine “On approval of the technical specifications of the blank documents issued by the units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs” of 17 June 2015 No. 447, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 19 June 2015 under No. 727/27172](#)

Entered into force on 14 July 2015

The technical specifications of the blank documents issued by the units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs are approved. These include the blank of the national driver’s license, which, under the Law of Ukraine “On the Unified State Demographic Register and Documents that Prove Ukrainian Citizenship, the Identity of a Person or Their Special Status”, is a document that proves the identity of a person and their special status regarding the holder’s right to drive vehicles.

[Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine “On approval of Regulation No. 612 on the militarized security of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine” of 26 May 2015 No. 612, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 16 June 2015 under No. 709/27154](#)

Entered into force on 17 July 2015

Militarized security is set up for the protection of facilities and for internal service at checkpoints, vehicle parks, parking lots, as well as for the protection of military towns, administrative premises and facilities of the SBGS units.

The Regulation establishes the foundation for the management, staffing and material and technical provision of militarized security units; the basic rights and duties of their staff; the procedure of guard duty; the internal service of militarized security.

[Order of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine “On approval of Amendments to the Instruction on the procedure of processing visas for foreigners and stateless persons for entry to Ukraine and transit through its territory” of 3 June 2015 No. 162, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 17 June 2015 under No. 711/27156](#)

Entered into force on 10 July 2015

The amendments concern provisions exempting certain categories of applicants from interviews and from obtaining the approval of the Security Service of Ukraine for processing their visas, as well as checking that the applicants possess sufficient financial provision.

[Order of the Ministry of Public Health of Ukraine “On amending the List of contagious diseases whose contraction constitutes grounds for denying immigration to Ukraine” of 11 June 2015 No. 329, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 23 June 2015 under No. 746/27191](#)

Entered into force on 10 July 2015

HIV is removed from the list of contagious diseases whose contraction constitutes grounds for denying immigration to Ukraine. The amendment is adopted to meet the recommendations of the European Commission on Ukraine’s progress in the implementation of the EU Visa Liberalisation Action Plan for Ukraine.

[Order of the Ministry of Social Policy of](#)

Entered into force

A new redaction of the Regulation is adopted.

[Ukraine “On amending Regulation on the State Employment Service” No. 697 of 3 July 2015, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 10 July 2015 under No. 825/27270](#) on 31 July 2015

[Order of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine “On the launch of a pilot project to enable application submission in the area of state registration of civil status acts via the Internet” of 9 July 2015 No. 1187/5, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 9 July 2015 under No. 812/27257](#) Entered into force on 20 July 2015

[Order of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine “On certain issues in the area of state registration of civil status acts” of 9 July 2015 No. 1189/5, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 9 July 2015 under No. 816/27261](#) Entered into force on 28 July 2015

[Protocol between the Administration of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine and the State Border Committee of the Republic of Belarus on cooperation of operational units \(bodies\) for the protection of the state border, signed on 4 May 2015](#) Entered into force on 4 May 2015

The pilot project to enable application submission in the area of state registration of civil status acts via the Internet is launched in Kyiv and Kyiv and Odesa regions. The Order approves the Procedure of the operation of the web portal “Applications in the area of state registration of civil status acts” and the Procedure of reviewing applications in the area of state registration of civil status acts submitted via the Internet to state civil status registration offices.

The amendments are caused by structural changes in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, particularly the elimination of the State Registration Service of Ukraine, and by the situation in Luhansk and Donetsk regions.

According to the Protocol, the Parties organize cooperation and interaction in the area of operational and search activities for the protection of the state border in accordance with their respective national legislation in order to ensure the border security of Ukraine and the Republic of Belarus in an effective and mutually beneficial manner.