

**LEGISLATIVE MONITORING
for December 2014**

Legislative act	Status (date of approval/further consideration)	Short overview
LEGAL ACTS OF THE VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE		
<u><i>Regulation of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of 11 December 2014 No. 26-VIII “On the Program of activities of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine”</i></u>	Adopted on 11 December 2014	<p>The Regulation approves the Program of activities of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted by Regulation No. 695 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 9 December 2014.</p> <p>The objectives of the Cabinet of Minister’s activities include meeting the criteria for a visa-free regime with the EU and fortifications of the border between Ukraine and the Russian Federation.</p>
<u><i>Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending certain legislative acts of Ukraine regarding provisions for voting abroad”</i></u> (No. 1198 of 2 December 2014, MP Yu.V. Levchenko, MP Yu.V. Bublyk, MP O.I. Osukhovsky)	Registered on 2 December 2014	<p>The Draft is aimed at guaranteeing the electoral rights of Ukrainian citizens who live abroad by way of setting up temporary polling stations outside Ukraine’s diplomatic institutions and by improving the mechanism of changing one’s election address and place of voting.</p>
<u><i>Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending the Law of Ukraine “On the Citizenship of Ukraine” (regarding the grounds for terminating citizenship)</i></u> (No. 1245 of 4 December 2014, MP M.I. Holovko, MP O.I. Osukhovsky, MP A.Yu. Illenko)	Registered on 4 December 2014	<p>The Draft Law proposes to amend Article 19 of the Law of Ukraine “On the Citizenship of Ukraine” by adding to the list of grounds for terminating Ukrainian citizenship the entry into force of a guilty verdict over crimes related to encroachments on Ukraine’s territorial integrity and inviolability, high treason, subversion and espionage.</p>
<u><i>Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending certain legal acts of Ukraine regarding the termination of Ukrainian citizenship of persons who have committed crimes against the foundations of the national security of Ukraine”</i></u> (No. 1297 of 8 December 2014, MP A.A. Kozhemiakin, MP M.P. Palamarchuk)	Registered on 8 December 2014	<p>In order to increase criminal responsibility for crimes against the foundations of national security, the Draft Law proposes to expand the system of punitive measures envisaged by the Criminal Code of Ukraine by adding to it the termination of Ukrainian citizenship. This measure is proposed to be applied against Ukrainian citizens whom the court pronounced guilty of crimes against the foundations of Ukraine’s national security.</p>
<u><i>Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending the Law of Ukraine “On the</i></u>	Sent to MPs for review on 12 December 2014	<p>The Draft Law is designed to amend the Law of Ukraine “On the Foundations of</p>

[Foundations of the State Language Policy” \(regarding documents that prove the identity of or data on a person\)](#) (No. 1334 of 10 December 2014, MP A.B. Dyriv)

[Draft Law of Ukraine “On the state orders for the construction of temporary housing for internally displaced persons”](#) (No. 1442 of 11 December 2014, MP N.Yu. Korolevska, MP Yu.V. Solod, MP Yu.O. Pavlenko)

[Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending the Law of Ukraine “On the Citizenship of Ukraine” \(regarding automatic voluntary renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship\)](#) (No. 1114-1 of 12 December 2014, MP I.V. Lutsenko)

[Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending the Law of Ukraine “On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons” \(regarding the improvement of conditions for investment activities in Ukraine\)](#) (No. 1476 of 16 December 2014, MP V.M. Pynzenyk, MP I.O. Hryniv, MP M.M. Ionova)

[Draft Law of Ukraine “On amending article 13 of the Law of Ukraine “On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons” \(regarding the improvement of migration management\)](#) (No. 1510 of 18 December

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Sent to MPs for review on 18 December 2014

Sent to MPs for review on 22 December 2014

the State Language Policy” regarding documents that prove the identity of or data on a person. The sponsor of the draft law proposes to rule out the possibility of entering into a passport data on its holder in one of Ukraine’s regional or minority languages in addition to the state language.

The Draft Law envisages general legal and economic foundations for the formation of state orders for the construction of temporary housing for persons displaced from the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine or the region of the counter-terrorist operation, as well as the placement and execution of such orders on a contractual basis.

The Draft Law is designed to amend a number of articles of the Law of Ukraine “On the Citizenship of Ukraine” reducing from two years to six months the period during which a person must submit a document on his/her renunciation of the citizenship (nationality) of another state. Moreover, the proposed amendment to point 1 of part one of article 19 of the Law establishes that the voluntary acquisition of foreign citizenship by a Ukrainian citizen entails automatic renunciation of Ukrainian citizenship from the moment of acquisition of foreign citizenship.

The Draft Law amends part 3 of article 5 of the Law of Ukraine “On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons” with a norm under which a foreigner or stateless person whose annual salary for the work carried out in Ukraine is no less than an equivalent of EUR 60,000 receives a temporary residence permit for the entire duration of the labor contract he/she signed to work in Ukraine (regardless of the validity period of the permit to employ foreigners and stateless persons).

The Draft Law envisages granting internal affairs bodies the authority to combat irregular migration, because the State Migration Service does not have the authority to identify and detain irregular migrants, escort them in cases of forced

2014, MP R.M. Solvar)

[Draft Law of Ukraine “On the Ukrainian documents that identify a person and grant the right to travel abroad”](#) (No. 1632 of 25 December 2014, MP V.V. Patskan, MP V.V. Chumak, MP H.M. Nemyria and others)

Registered on
25 December 2014

expulsion from Ukraine and verify their possible places of residence and stay.

Pursuant to the Draft Law, 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” will be repealed. Moreover, the Draft Law proposes to amend the Laws of Ukraine “On Road Traffic”, “On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons” and some others.

The explanatory note to the Draft Law says that it is aimed at reforming the system of documents in Ukraine that are issued to Ukrainian citizens, foreigners and stateless persons and serve as IDs in Ukraine and abroad. The Draft Law is also aimed at improving the procedure of providing administrative services regarding these documents and the system of storing data entered into them.

[Draft Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine “On attracting international expert and donor assistance to the development and implementation of the state program for the support and social adaptation of internally displaced persons in Ukraine”](#) (No. 1655 of 26 December 2014, HD C.M.Ларін)

Sent to MPs for review
on 28 December 2014

The purpose of this Resolution is to instruct the Government of Ukraine to develop and implement a comprehensive state program for the mid- and long-term support and social adaptation of internally displaced persons by adopting the best world practices and attracting additional financial resources from international organizations and donor states, which will ensure control and transparency in policy implementation in this area.

OTHER LEGAL ACTS

[Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 26 November 2014 No. 669 “On approval of the Procedure of obtaining and removing digitized fingerprints of a person from the Unified State Demographic Register and their destruction”](#)

Will enter into force on
1 January 2015

The Procedure establishes the way digitized fingerprints of a person may be obtained, removed from the Unified State Demographic Register and destroyed. In cases defined by law, such fingerprints are stored on a contactless electronic chip when processing Ukrainian foreign, diplomatic and service passports; seaman IDs; crew member IDs; stateless person IDs for foreign travel; refugee travel documents.

[Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 26 November 2014 No. 682 “On amending Resolution No. 152 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 7 May 2014 and repealing certain resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine”](#)

Entered into force on
12 December 2014

Amendments are aimed at making provisions for issuing Ukrainian foreign passports that do not have a contactless electronic chip. The model and technical description of the blank form for this kind of passport are approved.

[Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 5 December 2014 No. 697 “On defining issues that fall within the competence of the First Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine and Vice Prime Ministers of Ukraine”](#)

Entered into force on
11 December 2014

The issues of state border protection, migration, including combatting illegal migration, and registration of natural persons are placed within the competence of the First Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine.

The issues of interethnic relationships, religion, protection of the rights of ethnic minorities in Ukraine and development of relations with Ukrainians living abroad are placed within the competence of the Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine and Minister of Culture V.A. Kyrylenko.

[Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 9 December 2014 No. 695 “On approval of the Program of Activities of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine”](#)

Entered into force on
11 December 2014

The objectives of the Cabinet of Ministers’ activities include meeting the criteria for a visa-free regime with the EU and fortification of the border between Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

[Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 5 December 2014 No. 1210-r “Certain issues in the organization of the education process in higher education institutions”](#)

Entered into force on
5 December 2014

The Regulation is adopted in order to regulate issues in the education process in higher education institutions located in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, in particular the transfer of students from such institutions, the payment of monthly allowances to transferred students and the issuing of state-approved higher education documents.

[Order of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine “On amending the Rules of making changes to civil status registration records, their restoration and annulment” of 5 December 2014 No. 2070/5, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 9 December 2014 under No. 1577/26354](#)

Entered into force on
16 December 2014

The amendments pertain to the procedure of state registration of the death of unidentified persons.

[Order of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine “On amending certain orders of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine regarding state registration of civil](#)

Entered into force on
30 December 2014

The amendments concern the procedure of reissuing civil status registration certificates when the originals are stolen, lost or damaged. The Order takes into

[status acts” of 9 December 2014 No. 2079/5, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 10 December 2014 under No. 1585/26362](#)

[Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine “On approval of the Procedure of implementing the Agreement between Ukraine and the Republic of Tajikistan on a simplified procedure of changing citizenship by Ukrainian citizens permanently living in the Republic of Tajikistan and by Tajik citizens permanently living in Ukraine” of 22 October 2014 No. 1118/429, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 6 November 2014 under No. 1405/26182](#)

Entered into force on
5 December 2014

account the special aspects of storing civil status registration records in the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine and in the region of the counter-terrorist operation.

The Order replaces previous Order No. 936/173 of 26 August 2003 and establishes, inter alia, the procedure of acquiring Ukrainian citizenship by Tajik citizens and the procedure of processing materials on the termination of Ukrainian citizenship by persons acquiring Tajik citizenship.

[Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine “On approval of the Procedure of implementing the Agreement between Ukraine and the Kyrgyz Republic on a simplified procedure of changing citizenship by Ukrainian citizens permanently living in the Kyrgyz Republic and by Kyrgyz citizens permanently living in Ukraine and on prevention of statelessness and dual citizenship” of 22 October 2014 No. 1119/430, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 6 November 2014 under No. 1406/26183](#)

Entered into force on
5 December 2014

The Order replaces previous Order No. 153/98 of 14 May 2007 and establishes, inter alia, the procedure of acquiring Ukrainian citizenship by Kyrgyz citizens and the procedure of processing materials on the termination of Ukrainian citizenship by persons acquiring Kyrgyz citizenship.

[Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine “On amending certain orders of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine on certain issues in the activities of the State Migration Service of Ukraine” of 13 November 2014 No. 1215, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 26 November 2014 under No. 1510/26287](#)

Entered into force on
19 December 2014

The amendments concern certain issues in the way the State Migration Service of Ukraine provides administrative services (regarding passports) via administrative services centers.

[Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine “On approval of Amendments to the Temporary procedure of processing applications for permanent and temporary residence](#)

Entered into force on
30 December 2014

The amendments are adopted in order to bring the normative-legal acts issued by the Ministry of Internal Affairs into line with the Law of Ukraine “On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons”

*permits” of 20 November 2014
No. 1259, registered in the Ministry of
Justice of Ukraine on 10 December
2014 under No. 1583/26360*

*Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs
of Ukraine “On approval of the model
questionnaire-application used for
entering data into the Unified State
Demographic Register” of 26 November
2014 No. 1279, registered in the
Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on
10 December 2014 under
No. 1586/26363*

Entered into force on
26 December 2014

regarding grounds for stay in Ukraine for foreigners and stateless persons and with the Procedure of processing, producing and issuing permanent and temporary residence permits approved by Resolution No. 251 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 28 March 2012 regarding places where foreigners and stateless persons can submit applications for permanent and temporary residence permits.

The Order approves the model questionnaire-application used for entering data into the Unified State Demographic Register and the rules for generating a unique record number in the Unified State Demographic Register.