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**ON MAKING AMENDMENTS AND ADDENDA
TO THE LAW
ON CONDUCTING MEETINGS,
ASSEMBLIES, RALLIES AND DEMONSTRATION**

OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Article 1: Invalidate Articles 3 and 4 of the Law “On Conducting Meetings, Assemblies, Rallies and Demonstrations”.

Article 2: Article 5 of the Law:

1) Edit part 4 as follows:

4. If a public event is organized by juridical person, the organizer is considered to be the person who has the right to present it or the person who is authorized by the juridical person to implement the duties of the organizer.

2) Add a new part 7 as follows:

7. The organizers of other events in places of general use, as well as the organizers of non-mass public events have the right to conduct these events under the rules provided by the present law for conducting mass public events.

Article 3: Invalidate paragraph 6 of part 2 of Article 6 and part 3.

Article 4: In part 7 of Article 7:

1. Delete the following words “and other requirements of the law” from paragraph 1.
The following words “and stop other activities emanating from the public event” from paragraph 3.
Edit paragraph 5 as follows: “refrain from blocking free entry and exit to and from buildings, constructions and other areas in or adjacent to the venue of public event through the way provided for pedestrian.”

Article 5: Article 8, part 2:

1. Edit paragraph 5 as follows: “is obliged to ensure free entry and exit to and from buildings, constructions and other areas in or adjacent to the venue of public event through the way provided for pedestrian.”
2. Add at the end of part 6 the following “The Law of RA On the foundations of administration and administrative proceedings”.

Article 6: Article 9 of the Law:

Edit paragraph 3 as follows: “it is prohibited to conduct public events:

1. On bridges, in tunnels, underground areas, hazardous buildings, construction areas, if the public security, health of participants and others are endangered,
2. Military units, defense facilities, penitentiary centers, pre-trial detention institutions and in areas less than 150 meters away from such areas,

3. Special areas and areas of special significance specified as such by the Government and in areas less than 150 meters away from such areas,
4. In cultural and sport complexes, at the same time when other events are hold in these areas and in places less than 150 meters away from such areas and when normal course of such events may be disrupted,
5. If such events are aimed to overthrow forcibly the constitutional order, instigate national, racial or religious hatred, campaign for violence or war,
6. In areas not for general use, if the rights of its disposer, matron and user are violated.

Article 7: In Article 10 of the Law

- 1) Delete from the second part the following words: “traffic rules or counter provisions under paragraph 3 of Article 9 and points 2,3,5 and 7 of paragraph 1 of Article 13 of this law” and the last sentence.
- 2) Delete from the second part the following words: “in areas of general use” and “traffic rules and counter provisions of paragraph 3 of Article 9, points 2, 3, 5 and 7 of paragraph 1 of Article 13 of this law”.
- 3) In Part 4: Put an endnote after the word “Mayor of Yerevan” and delete the word “such” and add after the word “event” the following “The notification is legal and will be considered, in case it is submitted”.

Article 8: In Article 11 of the Law

1) Edit the first part as follows:

1. Notification, signed by organizers, on conducting a mass public event shall include:
 - the venue of the mass public event, possible time of beginning and end, if a rally is envisaged, then the rout and possible schedule of the rally,
 - Passport details of the organizers.

In case the mass public event is organized by juridical person, together with notification, also the decision of the competent body about the organization of the event.

- 3) Delete part 2 and part 3, the first sentence of part 4.

Article 9: In first part of Article 12 replace the words “at 12 o’clock” with “until 12 o’clock” and delete the last sentence.

Article 10: In Article 13 of the law:

- 1) Invalidate paragraph 8 of part 1 add after the word “parties” the following words “which will endanger health of people”.
- 2) Delete in parts 4 and 5 the following words “upon a verbal request of the organizer” and the words “should there be such a possibility”.

Article 11: in Article 14 of the law:

- 1) Invalidate paragraph 5 of part 1 and paragraph 3 of part 3.
- 2) Delete the word “or” in paragraph 4 of part 1 and paragraph 2 of part 3, the following words “set forth under paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article” from part 4.