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**ON AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS
TO THE LAW ON ASSEMBLAGE AND MANIFESTATIONS**

OF THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

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Article 1. The following amendments and supplements shall be made to the Law of Georgia on Assemblage and Manifestations (Messenger of the Parliament of Georgia, 33, 31 July, 1997, page 39):

1. Article 9 shall be formulated as follows:

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1. It shall be forbidden to hold an Assemblage or manifestation inside and within 20 meters from the entrance of these buildings:

- a) The Parliament of Georgia;
- b) The Administration of the President of Georgia;
- c) The Constitutional Court of Georgia, the Supreme Court of Georgia, the Common Courts of Georgia, the Prosecutor's Office, the Police, penitentiary and law enforcement bodies;
- d) Military units and sites;
- e) Railway stations, airports and ports;
- f) Hospitals;
- g) Diplomatic offices;
- h) Government buildings;
- i) Local self-government buildings;
- j) Enterprises, institutions and organizations of special regime or having armed guards.

2. It shall be prohibited to block buildings. This prohibition shall not imply a restriction of the right to conduct manifestations without blockage.

2. Subparagraph 3(b) of Article 11 shall be formulated as follows:

(b) It shall be prohibited to block traffic intentionally, including violation of provisions stipulated in Article 11¹ of this Law.

3. Article 11¹ shall be added to the Law

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1. Full or partial blockage of a carriageway shall be allowed only if an assemblage or a manifestation cannot be held otherwise due to the number of people participating in it.

2. Full or partial blockage of a carrigaway may take place only during the period when it is necessary due to the number of people participating in an assemblage or a manifestation.

3. Artificial blockage of a carriageway shall be prohibited unless it is necessary due to the number of people participating in an assemblage or a manifestation. It shall also be prohibited to block a carriageway with the use of vehicles, various structures and /or other objects.

4. If a carriageway is blocked in violation of the requirements of this Article, representatives of authorized self-government bodies shall address the participants of such an assemblage or a manifestation with a request to open the carriageway. The participants of an assemblage or a manifestation shall obey the request and hold an assemblage or a manifestation in compliance with the requirements of the law.

5. If blockage of a carriageway is necessary due to the number of people participating in an assemblage or a manifestation, local executive self-government bodies shall be obliged to surround the territory in order to ensure the safety of the participants and to work out an alternative traffic rout. If the request stipulated in Paragraph 4 of this Article is not fulfilled, the local self-government bodies, as well as corresponding law enforcement bodies shall have a right to restore the traffic on the territory where an assemblage or a manifestation is held, depending on the number of its participants, as soon as the appropriate conditions are restored.

4. Paragraph 1 of Article 13 shall read as follows:

1. In case of a mass violation of the requirements of Paragraph 2 of Article 4, Article 11, and Article 11¹, an assemblage or a manifestation shall be immediately terminated upon the request of an authorized representative of a local self-government body.

Article 2. The law shall come into force on the 15th day of its publication.

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