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**UKRAINE**

**DRAFT LAW**

**«ON AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 51 OF THE RULES OF  
PROCEDURE OF THE VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE ON  
POLITICAL LIABILITY OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OF UKRAINE  
ASSOCIATED WITH POLITICAL PARTIES WHOSE ACTIVITIES HAVE  
BEEN SUSPENDED»**

**the  
draft law is submitted  
by the people's  
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## **LAW OF UKRAINE**

**On Amendments to Article 51 of the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on political liability of Members of Parliament of Ukraine associated with political parties whose activities have been suspended**

**I. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine resolves:**

1. Article 51 of the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, approved by the Law of Ukraine "On the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine" (Vidomosti Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, 2010, Nos. 14-15, 16-17, p. 133), shall be supplemented with a new part eight as follows:

"8. In case the President of Ukraine enacts the decision of the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine to suspend the activities of a political party that has formed a parliamentary faction in the Verkhovna Rada, the Verkhovna Rada may decide to deprive an MP who is (was) a member of such a parliamentary faction of the right to participate in plenary sessions of the Verkhovna Rada, solemn sessions of the Verkhovna Rada, parliamentary hearings, meetings of the Conciliation Board, committees, subcommittees, temporary investigative and temporary special committees, and other parliamentary bodies.

Such a decision is made by the Verkhovna Rada subject to the prior receipt of the opinion of the committee responsible for the rules of procedure.

The application of the procedure provided for in this part may be initiated by a member of parliament, a parliamentary faction (parliamentary group) by submitting a written application to the committee in charge of the matters of the rules of procedure.

The committee in charge of the matters related to the rules of procedure shall prepare an opinion as a matter of urgency, but not later than three days from the date of receipt of the written application.

If the committee in charge of the rules of procedure receives relevant written applications regarding several MPs, such committee has the right to adopt a conclusion and propose to the Verkhovna Rada to make a decision by one vote on the list of MPs determined by this committee.

After consideration of the written application in the committee in charge of the matters of the rules of procedure, the Verkhovna Rada shall consider the issue and decide on deprivation of the respective MP(s) of the right to participate in plenary sessions of the Verkhovna Rada, solemn sessions of the Verkhovna Rada, parliamentary hearings, meetings of the Conciliation Board, committees, subcommittees, temporary investigative and temporary special commissions, in the work of the Counting Board and official parliamentary meetings without voting on its inclusion in the agenda. The discussion of such a decision of the Verkhovna Rada is held under a shortened procedure.

The decision is taken by a majority vote of the people's deputies from the constitutional composition of the Verkhovna Rada.

Deprivation of the right of a Member of Parliament to participate in plenary sessions of the Verkhovna Rada, solemn sessions of the Verkhovna Rada, parliamentary hearings, meetings of the Conciliation Board, committees, subcommittees, temporary investigative and temporary special commissions, in the work of the Counting Board and official parliamentary delegations of Ukraine shall result in suspension of the rights of such Member of Parliament to exercise them at plenary sessions of the Verkhovna Rada, solemn sessions of the Verkhovna Rada, parliamentary hearings, meetings of the Conciliation Board, committees, subcommittees, temporary investigative and temporary special commissions, in the work of the Counting Commission and official parliamentary delegations of Ukraine.

## II. Final provisions

1. This Law shall enter into force on the day following the day of its publication.

### **Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine**



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