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About social protection of disabled people in the Republic of Armenia

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This Law establishes legal, economic and organizational basis of social protection of disabled people in the Republic of Armenia, basic provisions of state policy in provision to disabled people of optimum conditions and privileges on implementation of their rights and capabilities for the purpose of providing for them opportunities, equal with other citizens of the republic.

Chapter I General provisions

Article 1. Legislation on social protection of disabled people

The legislation on social protection of disabled people consists of [the Constitution](#) of the Republic of Armenia, this Law, other laws and legal acts.

If the international ratified treaties of the Republic of Armenia establish other regulations than provided by this Law, then agreement regulations are applied.

Article 2. The basic concepts used in this Law

In this Law the following basic concepts are used:

the disabled person – person who owing to the restrictions of activity caused by violation of health has need of social protection;

activity restrictions - complete or partial loss by person (including movement, sight, hearing and (or) communication with use of technical means and other auxiliary devices) capabilities or opportunities to perform self-service, to independently move, be guided, communicate, to control the behavior, to study and be engaged in labor activity (for children also to play);

technical means of rehabilitation and other auxiliary devices - the special devices and technical means (carriages, means for walking, hearing aids, orthoses, artificial limbs, crutches, canes and other) provided for complete or partial overcoming, replacement (compensation) of restrictions of activity;

medico-social examination - determination of disability on the basis of assessment of the restrictions of activity caused by permanent disorders of functions of organism owing to disease, mutilation or injury and also determination of types of rehabilitation and social protection of the disabled person; ensuring availability of living environment - designing, construction and reconstruction of residential and public buildings, streets, medical, factory, educational, cultural, sports and other buildings, and also adaptation of means of public transport for the purpose of overcoming restrictions of activity of disabled people and taking into account their needs;

social protection of disabled people - the system of economic, social and legal measures providing to disabled people of condition for overcoming, replacement (compensation) of restrictions of activity and directed to creation to them opportunities for participation in public life, equal with other citizens.

Article 3. Rights and obligations of disabled people

Disabled people have same established [by the Constitution](#) of the Republic of Armenia and the laws of the right, freedom and obligation, as well as other citizens.

The rights provided by this Law for citizens of the Republic of Armenia and freedom extend also to persons having the status of refugees in stipulated by the legislation procedure.

The rights and obligations of disabled people can stop or change in the cases and procedure established [by the Constitution](#) of the Republic of Armenia and the law if their implementation is impossible owing to restrictions of activity of the disabled person.

The officials and citizens guilty of violation of the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of disabled people bear responsibility in the procedure established by the law.

Article 4. Protection of the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of disabled people

Expense recovery for benefits in connection with disability, sanatorium treatment, providing with vehicles, wheelchairs, prosthetic products and other technical means of the citizens who sustained labor injuries or occupational disease because of the employer (irrespective of the patterns of ownership) performing activities in the territory of the Republic of Armenia and recognized by the disabled person in accordance with the established procedure is made at the expense of means of the employer - according to the procedure, established by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

Article 5. Participation of the companies, organizations and organizations in implementation of state policy of social protection of disabled people

The companies operating in the territory of the Republic of Armenia, organizations and the organizations which take part in implementation of state policy of social protection of disabled people (financing of actions for the public assistance to disabled people, production of the technical and other means provided for disabled people, provision of services by it, construction and servicing of the objects of social infrastructure serving disabled people, the organization of the productions using mainly work of disabled people, etc.) use tax benefits and other privileges according to the procedure, established by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

Article 5.1. Competence of the Government of the Republic of Armenia in social protection of disabled people

The government of the Republic of Armenia in the field of social protection of disabled people:

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