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**Law No. 04/L-092**

**FOR BLIND PERSONS**

**Assembly of Republic of Kosovo,**

Based on Article 65 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo;

Approves:

**LAW FOR BLIND PERSONS**

**CHAPTER I**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1**  
**Purpose**

This law regulates the legal status of blind persons in the Republic of Kosovo.

**Article 2**  
**Scope**

This law regulates the rights and benefits and determines the criteria for categorizing the blind persons.

### **Article 3 Definitions**

1. Terms used in this law shall have the following meaning:

1.1. **Blind person** - the person with full loss of vision born or acquired determined according to medical criteria assessed by the Medical-Social Commission;

1.2. **Medical-Social Commission** – the Commission composed by medical and social experts, established by the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, that determines the degree of blindness, including its duration, for any person who files request to enjoy compensation for blindness, the benefits and rights arising from this Law;

1.3. **Respective Ministry** - the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare;

1.4. **OGG** - the Office on Good Governance within the Office of the Prime Minister.

### **Article 4 Protection**

1. Blind persons are protected from all kinds of exploitation, discrimination, abuse, insult, ridicule and enjoy the rights and freedoms equally with others based on international standards for human rights.

2. When the actions referred to in paragraph 1. of this Article shall constitute a criminal offense, the initiative to initiate criminal proceedings, except the custody, shall have the law enforcement, the prosecution or association, in which they belong or care for them.

### **Article 5 Employment**

1. From this law shall benefit all blind persons, who by decision of the medical-social commission shall fulfill the certain criteria - this means ensuring their active participation, by fulfilling the following conditions:

1.1. employment in favorable conditions and with priorities, based on the Laws in force and specific criteria defined by special laws;

1.2. legal and natural persons employing blind persons are entitled to all benefits set forth under the laws into force.

**Article 6**  
**Exemption from taxes and tax**

Blind persons shall be exempted from any tax and direct taxes. In case of self-employment they shall be exempted from any fiscal obligation, while if they carry out an activity as legal entities, they shall enjoy tax facilitation realized by laws in force.

**Article 7**  
**Incomes and benefits**

1. Blind persons shall enjoy all rights and benefits according to the laws in force.
2. Blind persons determined by this law, shall receive compensation from the state budget in a certain scale based on the minimum salary in Kosovo but not less than one hundred (100) Euro monthly and it shall be determined by sub-legal act issued by the Government.
3. Material benefiter due to blindness, according to paragraph 1. of this Article cannot be users of any compensation from other pensional schemes applicable in Kosovo, unless otherwise defined by the law.
4. Material benefit due to blindness shall receive persons regardless of the age and the same amount shall receive the accompanying of blind persons of the first group, and the necessity for them shall be determined by the medical-social commission.
5. The right to material benefit of blindness for blind persons, and their accompanying, according to this law, shall be realized from the day of request submission, if the conditions and criteria for their realization are fulfilled.
6. Blind persons shall sign contract with their accompanying to the competent authority of the center for social labour and shall present it to the official of the competent authority.
7. These payments shall be paid each month by Department of Pensional Administration within respective Ministry.
8. Funds for payments, from paragraph 1. of this Article, shall be provided by overall budget of the respective Ministry.

**CHAPTER II**  
**CARE, HOUSING INSURANCE, HEALTH INSURANCE, EDUCATION, LEAVE**  
**AND OTHER VIRTUES**

**Article 8**  
**Housing**

Blind persons who fulfill legal conditions to be considered as citizens with housing need, after assessment of their needs, they shall benefit an addition of twenty (20) points, on the assessed measure.

**Article 9**  
**Health care**

1. Basic health services are offered in the same quality and quantity for all citizens.
2. The exemption from fees and co-payments shall be regulated according to the Law on Health and with other sub-legal acts.
3. Medical services provided to blind persons, who do not pay premiums will be reimbursed by the Ministry of Health and the Health Insurance Fund.

**Article 10**  
**Education**

1. Education of blind persons in public institutions shall be made according to the applicable law.
2. For blind persons shall be provided the Braille alphabet, writing relief, writing with enlarged letters and texts in acoustic and digital technique by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.
3. Tiflo-technical and teaching tiflo equipment which facilitate the integration of blind persons in society are the helping tools for which shall be obliged the MPMS, MEST and Ministry of Health in cooperation with the Association of the Blind of Kosovo for their provision and distribution.

**Article 11**  
**Access to information**

1. Blind persons shall be enable the access to information in Braille, relief, enlarge writing and audio for all signage in public facilities, public official information, literature, texts and books in all school levels in cooperation with Kosovo Blind Associations.
2. Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Infrastructure shall be responsible for implementation of paragraph 1. of this Article.

**Article 12**  
**Rehabilitation**

1. The government sets funding for construction of rehabilitation centers, with enough capacity for blind persons.
2. The administration of rehabilitation centers shall be made with the authorization of the relevant Ministry in cooperation with the Kosovo Association of Blind Persons.
3. Government, in view of rehabilitation and recreation of blind, supports cultural activities and provides free participation in these cultural and sports manifestations.

**Article 13**  
**Travel**

1. Blind persons and their companions when accompanying the blind person shall enjoy benefits in payment, urban traffic is free, and in under urban traffic traveling payment shall be fifty percent (50%) of the value of the ticket.
2. Private and public operators should set places for blind persons and should put relevant signals. These places are released from fiscal obligation determined by Direction from MT and Ministry of Infrastructure.

**Article 14**  
**Electricity and telephone expenses**

1. All blind persons shall enjoy the facilities of electricity consumption according to the Law of Social Scheme.
2. The government ensures that all blind of the first group, to be equipped with software aid speakers for blind.

**Article15**  
**Benefits and other rights**

1. Responsible institutions for approval of the infrastructure projects and regulation of the territory shall not approve any projects for roads and public environments, if they have not taken into account necessary and possible adjustments for the blind persons.
2. The blind persons have priority in public services for solving their requests. When necessary, they should show card which proves their status.

**Article 16**  
**Reliability of personal information**

Institutions and responsible persons have no rights to provide data on the state of blindness disability of a person without his consent, except when permitted by Law on Protection of Personal Data.

**CHAPTER III**  
**GROUPS, BENEFITS FROM THE STATUS OF THE BLIND, EVIDENCE AND**  
**MEDICAL-SOCIAL COMMISSION**

**Article 17**  
**Medical-Social Commission, its Competencies and Categorization**

1. Medical-Social Commission shall consist of three (3) oculist experts, one (1) tiflolog expert, one (1) expert from the social labour field, one (1) representative of the Kosovo Association of Blind Persons and one (1) representative of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, who is the chairperson of the commission.
2. Mandate of the experts shall be one (1) year with no right on re-election. Functioning of medical-social commission shall be carried out according to the regulation approved by the relevant ministry.
3. Blind persons who benefit from this law shall be subject of the assessment by the medical-social commission in the ministry and in respective regions.
4. Medical-Social Commission shall issue a decision for blind person, by determining the group of blindness and the social needs.
5. The commission shall review the request of a blind person, to determine the level of blindness and social needs.
6. The beneficiaries of this law are categorized into two groups:

2.1. the first group, are persons who do not distinguish light from darkness, until the clarity of sight 0.02.

2.2. the second group, are persons who have partial loss of vision, over 0.02 to 0.05.

7. Blind person of the first group must declare the name of his/her custody, in front of the competent body who records it in a special register. Also, he must declare the change of custodian, if assesses reasonably that such a change should be made. With this change, the administration of the relevant Ministry shall be notified immediately.

8. Association based on the decision of the Medical-Social Commission shall issue a special booklet of blindness, as proof document for benefit from this law.

### **Article 18 Identification**

1. Responsible institutions in the central and municipal level, should keep accurate and formatted evidence of the number of beneficiaries of both categories.

2. At the end of calendar year, but also according to the request of relevant ministry, Kosovo Association of Blind Persons shall be obliged to submit the register of evidences of the booklets issued for beneficiaries from this law.

### **Article 19 The right to complain**

Lawsuits in competent court failing to implement this law shall be reviewed by expedited procedure.

### **Article 20**

Depending on budget options, Cost of Living and possible inflation at the end of each year for the next year, the Government of Kosovo on the proposal of the Ministry of Finance with special decision will decide for the height and benefits determined with this Law.

## **CHAPTER IV TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 21 Cooperation**

1. For implementation of this law and without denying the rights of individuals or other groups, shall be recognized the right of representation of blind persons and benefits of special services of Kosovo Association of Blind Persons, depending on fulfillment of the following conditions:

- 1.1. performance of activity in the whole territory of Kosovo on the basis of a democratic statute, recognized by the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare;
- 1.2. signature of contracts with ministries and institutions that finance provision of such services;
- 1.3. subject to audits of public institutions for quality of services, use of funds and respect of charter of the organization.

### **Article 22 Sub-legal Acts**

From entry into force of this Law, within the period of six (6) month Government of Kosovo and the relevant ministries shall issue sub-legal acts.

### **Article 23 Punitive provisions**

1. Each institution that does not respect provisions of this law shall be punished according to the laws in force.
2. Any person who presents false declaration or presents forged documents with the purpose of benefiting the rights and benefits determined according to this law shall be punished based on the legal provisions in force.

### **Article 24 Abrogation provisions**

Upon entry into force of this law any other provisions of legal or sub-legal act which is in contradiction with provisions of this law shall be abrogated.



**Article 25**  
**Entry into force**

This law shall enter into force fifteen (15) days from publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo, and will be implemented by 01.01.2013.

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