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LEGAL REVIEW

OF THE REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS
IN RELATION TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
AND THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

AMENDMENTS RELATED TO THE VALIDITY OF PERSONAL DOCUMENTS,
TERRITORIAL EXPERT MEDICAL BOARD (TEMB) AND NATIONAL EXPERT
MEDICAL BOARD (NEMB) DECISIONS AND OTHERS



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I. INTRODUCTION

The present document represents a general analysis of the main regulations and amendments, introduced by the Emergency Act Regarding the Measures and Safeguards During the State of Emergency declared by the National Assembly of Bulgaria with its Resolution from March 13th, 2020 („the Emergency Act“ or “the Act”) as published in State Gazette, issue 28 of March 24th, 2020 (special issue).

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II. AMENDMENTS RELATED TO THE VALIDITY OF PERSONAL DOCUMENTS, TERRITORIAL EXPERT MEDICAL BOARD (TEMB) AND NATIONAL EXPERT MEDICAL BOARD (NEMB) DECISIONS AND OTHERS

With the adoption of the Emergency Act the validity of identity cards and driving licenses, which expire during the state of emergency, shall be extended by 6 months until 31 October. For the period of extension, the documents are considered valid only on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The validity of documents for residence of foreign individuals and their families respectively is also extended. Foreigners whose term of residence expires in the context of a state of emergency may apply for a continuation of residence within 14 days after the lifting of the state of emergency.

The People with Disabilities Act provides for an extension of the validity of the expert decisions of TEMB, NEMB and the Central Military Medical Commission at the Military Medical Academy, whose term expires during the state of emergency, by the period of the state of emergency and two months after its lifting. The period of validity of protocols for costly treatments of chronic patients, which expires during the state of emergency, is extended for the duration of the period of emergency and two months after its lifting.

We are looking forward to assisting you further, including for statements with the described topics.

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