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# PROTECTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA AGAINST VIOLENCE IN THE NEAR ENVIRONMENT THE LAW

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# CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Article 1 . Purpose of the Act

1. The purpose of this law is to ensure the protection of every person, including children, from domestic violence, which due to its harm to society is classified as acts of public significance, to create legal prerequisites for immediate response to the threat arising from domestic violence, to apply the prevention and protection of domestic violence domestic violence measures, to provide specialized complex assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced domestic violence, to determine the competence of institutions and bodies for the prevention of domestic violence, protection against domestic violence and specialized complex assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or domestic violence in the areas of provision for experienced persons in the environment.

2 . This law defines domestic violence , which disproportionately affects women, establishes the rights of persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced domestic violence , the implementation of domestic violence prevention measures, provision of specialized complex assistance in cases of domestic violence, protection against domestic violence the implementation of measures for persons at risk of domestic violence or those who have experienced domestic violence, the rights of persons posing a risk of domestic violence and the rights and obligations of persons subject to a protection order against domestic violence.

#### Article 2. Basic concepts of this law

1. A domestic violence protection order is a preventive protection measure that is intended to protect a person at risk of domestic violence and by which an adult person at risk of domestic violence is obliged to temporarily move out of the place of residence, if he lives together with a person at risk of domestic violence, not to visit this at the person's place of residence, do not approach him and adult persons and/or children living with him , do not communicate, do not seek connections with them.

2. Close environment - an environment consisting of persons who are related or have been related in the past by marriage, partnership, sister-in-law, kinship or other close ties, as well as persons who live together and manage a joint farm.

3 . Assistance to a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced domestic violence - information, consultations and/or services provided to a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced domestic violence, taking into account the nature of domestic violence, their needs arising from this violence , as well as individual needs.

4 . A person who has experienced domestic violence - a person against whom domestic violence has been used, as well as a child who has witnessed domestic violence and/or a child living in a close environment where violence has occurred.

5 . Violence in the close environment - acting or not acting in a close environment causes an intentional physical, mental, sexual, economic or other effect on a person, as a result of which the person suffers physical, material and/or non-material damage.

6 . A person posing a risk of domestic violence is a person who raises a reasonable suspicion that he may use domestic violence.

7 . A person at risk of domestic violence is a person against whom it is reasonably suspected that domestic violence may be used.

8 . **Specialized complex assistance** - assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced domestic violence, which is organized, coordinated and/or provided by specialized complex assistance centers, as stipulated in Article 14 of this law.

9. Specialized comprehensive assistance center - a public legal entity or its division established in the Republic of Lithuania or another European Union member state or another European Economic Area state, which is granted the right to provide specialized comprehensive assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or domestic violence in accordance with the procedure established in Article 16 of this law for experienced persons.

# Article 3 . Principles of prevention of domestic violence, protection against domestic violence and provision of assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced domestic violence

Domestic violence prevention and protection from domestic violence is implemented, assistance is provided to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced domestic violence (hereinafter - the person who has experienced violence) in accordance with the following principles:

1) cooperation - in implementing the prevention of domestic violence, ensuring protection against domestic violence and providing specialized complex assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, individuals, families, communities, non-governmental organizations protecting persons at risk of domestic violence or violence the rights and interests of experienced persons, specialized complex assistance centers, institutions and institutions provide mutual assistance;

2) participation - prevention of domestic violence, protection from domestic violence and the provision of specialized complex assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence and other issues relevant to them are resolved together with a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence and (or ) their representatives, non-governmental organizations protecting the rights and interests of persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, and the center of specialized complex assistance;

3) complexity - prevention of domestic violence, protection against domestic violence and specialized complex assistance are organized in such a way that persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence are protected from domestic violence, and their needs are met by providing specialized complex assistance;

4) equality - persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, regardless of their gender, race, nationality, language, origin, social status, faith, beliefs or views, age, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, religion or other characteristics, have equal rights to protection from domestic violence and specialized complex assistance, equal rights to participate in the activities of domestic violence prevention measures adapted to them;

5) adaptability of services - when implementing domestic violence prevention, planning measures for protection against domestic violence and specialized complex assistance for persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, organizing the activities of persons working with persons at risk of domestic violence or

persons who have experienced violence, as well also the training of teachers and officials, the different individual needs of women, men and children are taken into account, equal opportunities to receive help are ensured; when planning and providing assistance, the discriminatory situation of women is taken into account according to the extent of domestic violence experienced;

6) accessibility and individualization - protection against domestic violence and specialized comprehensive assistance are organized in such a way that their availability is ensured throughout the territory of the Republic of Lithuania, taking into account the individual and special needs of persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence (including abilities, social status , age, maturity, gender, mental and physical characteristics, disability, social environment and other important characteristics and emotional and social relationships);

7) ensuring the best interests of persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence - when making decisions or taking any actions related to the provision of specialized comprehensive assistance, including social services, to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence and empowering these persons objectively assess the situation due to possible domestic violence or the risk of domestic violence and make independent decisions, first of all, the least negative impact on persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence must be ensured; after the appointment of a domestic violence protection order (hereinafter referred to as a domestic violence protection order) to persons at risk of domestic violence, adult persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence are guaranteed the opportunity to remain in their place of residence with minor children living together or to maintain normal relations with minors children, if this does not conflict with the best interests of the child;

8) confidentiality - specialized complex assistance centers, institutions and institutions are obliged to use personal data, which is confidential information, only in the implementation of prevention of domestic violence, providing specialized complex assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, and also to ensure that these the data would not become known to persons who do not have such a right, not to disclose it to third parties, except for the cases established by legal acts, not to use confidential information to satisfy the interests of personal or third parties, except in cases where the provision of such information is required by competent institutions or institutions, other persons entitled to receive this data.

#### **CHAPTER II**

# FUNCTIONS OF INSTITUTIONS AND INSTITUTIONS, COOPERATION. FINANCING AND MANAGEMENT OF SPECIALIZED COMPLEX ASSISTANCE

# Article 4 . Competence of institutions and bodies in the areas of prevention of domestic violence, protection against domestic violence and provision of specialized comprehensive assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced violence

1. Ministry of Social Security and Labor of the Republic of Lithuania:

1) forms the state policy of protection against domestic violence and assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, organizes, coordinates and controls how it is implemented;

2) submit proposals to the state and municipal institutions regarding the organization of specialized comprehensive assistance for persons at risk of violence in the intimate environment or for persons who have experienced violence;

3) adopt legal acts regarding the procedure for providing specialized complex assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced violence, the procedure for making decisions to provide specialized complex assistance and

determining the need for state funds to provide specialized complex assistance , planning, distribution, transfer, use and settlement of these funds for the funds used;

4) authorizes the institution subordinate to the Ministry of Social Security and Labor to make decisions to provide specialized complex assistance;

5) initiates and finances public education and information campaigns that encourage non-tolerance of domestic violence, to recognize the signs of coercive control and violence and to seek help for experiencing domestic violence or the risk of domestic violence;

6 ) initiates and finances public opinion surveys and scientific research on the topics of domestic violence ;

7) finances targeted projects of non-governmental organizations through tendering, aimed at preventing domestic violence and changing violent behavior;

8) organizes general and specialized training and qualification improvement courses for persons working in the fields of prevention of domestic violence, protection from domestic violence and provision of assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced violence, provides information about the training to the institutions and bodies preparing specialized training the need for organizing the prevention of domestic violence and the provision of assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced violence, and provides them with proposals for specific training programs;

9) organizes statistical data on centers of specialized complex assistance and persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence who have been provided with specialized complex assistance (the number of legal entities providing specialized complex assistance, persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence who have been provided specialized complex assistance, number according to the type of assistance provided, gender, age, education, place of residence of the persons who received it), collection;

10) prepares and approves a description of the procedure for receiving information that police officers should provide to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence and persons at risk of domestic violence from institutions and bodies and publishing this information on the website of the Ministry of Social Security and Labour, and their publishes and constantly updates information on the website that police officers should provide to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence and persons at risk of domestic violence.

2. Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of the Republic of Lithuania:

1) ensures the mandatory integration of topics about equal rights of women and men, prevention of domestic violence, respect for the dignity of each person, mutual aid, socialemotional skills, non-violent methods of conflict resolution, the right to personal integrity into preschool, pre-school and general education programs, taking into account to the ability and age of the students;

2) coordinates the improvement of the competence of pedagogical staff in the areas of prevention, identification and provision of assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, in accordance with the procedure established by the Law on Education of the Republic of Lithuania.

3. Ministry of Health Protection of the Republic of Lithuania:

1) ensures the provision of personal health care services to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence;

2) coordinates and controls the training of public health care institutions, which according to their competence are based on scientific evidence and good practice, for personal health care specialists, employees of municipal public health offices (who work directly with residents) on the recognition, prevention and assistance of those at risk of domestic violence providing individuals or persons who have experienced violence on these topics, training activities on these topics.

4. The Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania organizes statistical data on the issuance of a protection against violence order, registered criminal acts related to domestic violence, persons affected by domestic violence and persons for whom a pre-trial investigation related to domestic violence has been initiated or an indictment has been accepted by a court. collection and analysis of verdict or court decision of acquittal for a criminal offense related to domestic violence (indicated number of persons by gender, age, education, place of residence).

5 . The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania organizes public legal education on the issues of criminal acts related to domestic violence, the inevitability of responsibility for the commission of these criminal acts, and the legal consequences related to the commission of these criminal acts.

6 . The Lithuanian Probation Service organizes the execution of the criminal impact measure - the participation of individuals in programs that change violent behavior in the close environment - in accordance with the procedure established by legal acts.

7 . The Lithuanian Prisons Service ensures the approval and organization of behavior correction programs for convicts seeking to manage the risk of violent behavior during their social rehabilitation.

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8. Police:

1) organizes police officers' training and qualification improvement courses on the topics of domestic violence prevention, secondary and repeated victimization, its recognition and provision of assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced violence;

2) In accordance with the procedure established by the Law on the Control of Arms and Ammunition of the Republic of Lithuania, do not issue a permit to keep weapons or a permit to carry weapons or revoke these permits to persons to whom a protection against violence warrant has been issued - until the end of the validity of the protection against violence warrant, as well as to persons for whom pre-trial proceedings have been initiated an investigation related to domestic violence, whether a guilty verdict or a court decision of acquittal has been made for a criminal act related to domestic violence ;

3) in accordance with the procedure established in Article 8 of this law, decides on the granting of a protection against violence warrant and controls compliance with the obligations of the protection against violence warrant;

4) in accordance with the procedure established in Article 9 of this law, submits to the court for consideration complaints regarding the decisions of police officers to issue or not issue a warrant of protection against violence.

9. The National Judicial Administration, following the provisions of the Law on Courts of the Republic of Lithuania and the Rules for the Organization of Judges' Training, can organize training and qualification improvement courses for judges on the topics of prevention, identification and assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence.

10. The General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Lithuania organizes trainings and qualification improvement courses for prosecutors on the topics of prevention of domestic violence, identification and provision of assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence.

11 . The State Data Agency coordinates the receipt of statistical data from institutions and bodies responsible for the preparation of statistical information on domestic violence, publishes statistical information on domestic violence on the Official Statistics Portal in accordance with the procedure and terms established by the head of the State Data Agency. *Changes to part of the article:* 

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12 . Municipal administrations:

1) organizes the implementation of domestic violence prevention measures;

2) cooperates with non-governmental organizations that prepare and implement programs for the prevention of domestic violence and the provision of assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, contributing to the preparation and implementation of these programs according to competence and need;

3) with specialized complex assistance centers and the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service under the Ministry of Social Security and Labor (hereinafter - the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service) or its authorized territorial departments, information is exchanged about specialist training and about those at risk of domestic violence services provided to persons or persons who have experienced violence and persons who are at risk of domestic violence;

4) prepares programs (training), the purpose of which is to teach non-violent behavior to persons at risk of domestic violence in order to change patterns of violent behavior, or participates in the preparation of these programs (training), ensures the availability of these programs (training) for persons who want to change their behavior, or obliged to do so;

5) prepares programs (training) for specialists, municipal administration employees, employees of the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service or its authorized territorial departments and other employees who work with persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence and implement domestic violence prevention, or participates in the preparation of these programs (training).

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13 . The mayor of the municipality or the municipal administration director authorized by him organizes the provision of social services to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced violence and to persons posing a risk of domestic violence and controls the quality of these services.

Added part of the article:

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14 . The director of the municipal administration approves institutions and organizations operating in the territory of the municipality (if there are none, operating in the territories of the nearest municipalities), providing social services to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence and persons at risk of domestic violence and organizing violent behavior change programs (training). implementation, a list (it contains data of legal entities: names of legal entities, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, nature of services provided, addresses of the place of performance of activities) and this list is published in the Register of Legal Acts and on the website of the municipal administration. *Added part of the article:* 

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# Article 5. Management and financing of domestic violence prevention and specialized complex assistance for persons at risk of domestic violence or victims of violence

1. Measures for the prevention of domestic violence and specialized comprehensive assistance for persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence are planned in the national development programs approved by the Government and in the strategic activity plans of the managers of state budget allocations. These measures and projects must be provided for in the municipality's strategic development plan and/or strategic activity plan. Prevention measures and projects are financed from state and municipal budgets and international programs.

*Changes to part of the article: No. <u>XIV-1857</u>, 2023-03-28, published in TAR 2023-03-30, up to 2023-05764*  2 . Non-governmental organizations are encouraged to carry out and participate in the prevention of domestic violence and the provision of specialized complex assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced violence. Funding for non-governmental organizations to carry out the activities of prevention of domestic violence and provision of assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence is allocated through a tender from the state or municipal budgets.

# Article 6 . Council for Prevention of Domestic Violence and Protection from Domestic Violence

1. The Domestic Violence Prevention and Protection Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) is a public advisory institution under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour, which examines issues of domestic violence and submits to the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, the Government, ministries, other institutions and institutions, municipalities proposals to the administrations regarding the state policy of protection against domestic violence, its implementation, prevention of domestic violence and provision of assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, programs (training) to change violent behavior, perform other functions determined by the Council's regulations. The Council is technically served by the Ministry of Social Security and Labour.

2. The Council consists of fifteen members: seven representatives of state institutions and bodies, one representative of the Association of Lithuanian Municipalities and seven representatives of non-governmental organizations. Representatives to the Council are delegated according to the procedure established in the Council's regulations. The Ministry of Social Security and Labor approves the regulations of the Council and the staff composition of the Council. The term of office of a council member is two years.

# **Article 7**. Domestic Violence Prevention Commission

1 . In each municipality, a Domestic Violence Prevention Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) is formed. The Commission's model regulations and recommended institutional composition are approved by the Minister of Social Security and Labour. The institutional and personal composition of the Commission (indicated the name, surname, title of the Commission member), operational regulations are approved by the mayor of the municipality. Representatives of non-governmental organizations must make up at least one third of the members of the Commission.

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2. The Commission examines issues of domestic violence, proposals submitted by the Council, submits proposals to municipal institutions and institutions regarding the implementation of domestic violence protection policy, prevention of domestic violence and provision of assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, programs for changing violent behavior (training ), performs other functions established by the Commission's regulations.

#### CHAPTER III

# PROTECTION OF PERSONS EXPERIENCING DANGERS IN VIOLENCE IN THE CLOSE ENVIRONMENT

# Article 8 . Issuance of a protection against violence order

1. In order to protect persons at risk of domestic violence from domestic violence, if there is a sufficient risk that domestic violence may be used, a protection against violence order may be issued to persons at risk of domestic violence.

2 . A protection against violence order is issued by a police officer for a period of 15 days when he receives a report of possible domestic violence and, following a risk assessment,

a risk of domestic violence is determined. The criteria for assessing the risk of domestic violence are determined by the Minister of the Interior. The police officer makes the decision to issue a protection against violence warrant or not to issue a protection against violence warrant immediately, no later than within 12 hours of receiving a report of possible domestic violence.

3 . After a protection against violence order is issued, a person who poses a risk of violence in a close environment is obliged to:

1) to temporarily move out of the place of residence, if he lives with a person at risk of domestic violence, regardless of who owns the housing;

2) not to visit the place of residence of a person at risk of domestic violence, regardless of whether the person at risk of domestic violence lives there or not together with the person at risk of domestic violence;

3) not to approach the person at risk of domestic violence and adult persons living with him and/or children living in an environment where the risk of domestic violence has been caused, within the distance specified in the protection against violence order;

4) not to communicate, not to seek connections with a person at risk of domestic violence and adult persons and/or children living with him.

4 . The police officer must immediately inform, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Commissioner of the Lithuanian Police, via electronic means of communication or in writing:

1) a person who poses a risk of violence in the intimate environment - about the granting of a protection against violence order, the obligations applicable to him, the duration of their application, responsibility for non-compliance with the applicable obligations, the procedure for appealing the decision to issue a protection against violence order, established in paragraph 1 of Article 9 of this law, the nearest institutions, in which accommodation services are provided, as well as about opportunities to attend a violent behavior change program (training) (names of legal entities, addresses of places of activity, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses are indicated);

2) a person at risk of domestic violence, when a protection against violence order is issued - about the granting of a protection against violence order, obligations applicable to a person who poses a risk of domestic violence, the duration of their application, responsibility for non-compliance with the applicable obligations, the right of a person posing a risk of domestic violence appeal the decision to issue a protection against violence order; when a protection against violence warrant is not issued, - about the decision not to issue a protection against violence warrant, the procedure for appealing a decision not to issue a protection against violence warrant, established in paragraph 1 of Article 9 of this law, as well as about responsibility for abusing the rights of persons at risk of domestic violence;

3) The State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service or its authorized territorial departments - about the fact of issuing a protection against violence order, the obligations applied to a person who poses a risk of violence in the close environment, the duration of their application (indicate the child's name, surname, date of birth, address of the child's location, the circumstances of issuing a protection against violence order, if they are known at the time), if a child lives with a person at risk of domestic violence, the person at risk of domestic violence is a child, the child has witnessed domestic violence or lives in an environment where violence has occurred;

4) the center of specialized complex assistance and transfer to it the results of the risk assessment of the danger of domestic violence, carried out in accordance with part 2 of this article. The center of specialized comprehensive assistance must contact the person at risk of domestic violence and offer him specialized comprehensive assistance, if he agrees to receive it.

5. When a person who poses a risk of domestic violence is subject to the obligation to temporarily move out of the place of residence where he lives together with a person who is at risk of domestic violence, police officers immediately ensure the removal of the person who poses a risk of domestic violence.

6 . Police officers monitor compliance with the obligations of a protection against violence order. The procedure for monitoring compliance with the obligations of the protection against violence order shall be established by the General Commissioner of the Lithuanian Police.

7 . If persons participating in the prevention of domestic violence, ensuring protection from domestic violence and providing assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced violence, have information that a person posing a risk of domestic violence, for whom a protection order against violence is issued, does not comply with the prescribed obligations, they must report this to the police, specifying the name and surname of the person who poses a risk of domestic violence and data confirming that this person does not comply with the obligations of the protection against violence order. A person who poses a risk of violence in the close environment, who does not comply with the obligations of the protection against violence order, shall be liable in accordance with the procedure established by the Code of Administrative Offenses of the Republic of Lithuania.

8 . A protection against violence order expires 15 days after it is issued or when a domestic violence pre-trial investigation is initiated and at least one pre-trial detention is ordered. If the issuance of a protection against violence warrant is appealed to the court and the court, having assessed the legality of the issuance of the warrant, cancels the warrant earlier than 15 days have passed from the moment of issuing the warrant, the protection against violence order ceases to be valid from the moment of the adoption of the court order.

9. After the anti-violence protection order ceases to be valid, a person who is at risk of domestic violence may apply to the court in accordance with the procedure established by the Code of Civil Procedure of the Republic of Lithuania, requesting the protection of his rights through other methods of legal protection.

# **Article 9**. Appealing Protection Against Violence Order Decisions

1. Persons who pose a risk of domestic violence can appeal the decision of police officers to issue a protection against violence order or the decisions of police officers not to issue a protection against violence order within 15 days from the date of the decision to the district court through the department of the police institution where the contested decision is issued, the officer who issued the warrant or not to issue one, depending on the location of this unit. A complaint filed after the deadline for filing a complaint is not considered.

2. The filing of a complaint provided for in paragraph 1 of this article does not stop the execution of the assigned protection against violence order.

3. In the division of the police institution that received the complaint, within 48 hours of receiving the complaint, an officer authorized by the head of the police institution may make one of the following decisions:

1) to satisfy the complaint and cancel the assigned protection against violence order;

2) satisfy the complaint and issue a protection against violence order;

3 ) not to satisfy the complaint and to leave in force the decision on the protection against violence order (to issue a protection against violence order or not to issue it).

4. Upon receipt of a complaint regarding the decision to issue or not issue a warrant of protection against violence, the police department shall immediately inform the specialized complex assistance center of the receipt of the complaint by means of electronic communication, which shall cooperate with the police department in accordance with the procedure established by the Minister of Social Security and Labor by providing its expert assessment of the case.

5. The police institution informs persons at risk of domestic violence and persons at risk of domestic violence about the adopted decisions referred to in clauses 1 and 2 of paragraph 3 of this article by means of electronic communication or in writing.

6. If the decision referred to in point 3 of paragraph 3 of this article is made in the division of the police institution that received the complaint, the received complaint together with all the available information about the incident is transferred to the district court on the

same day by means of electronic communication and the person who filed the complaint is informed about it .

7 . A person posing a risk of domestic violence or a person experiencing a risk of domestic violence may appeal the decisions referred to in paragraph 1 or 2 of paragraph 3 of this article to the police unit that made the decision without violating the deadline specified in paragraph 1 of this article. After receiving the complaint, the police unit shall forward it to the district court by means of electronic communications no later than the next day, along with all available information about the incident.

8 . A complaint received in a district court in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of this article must be examined in a written procedure, except in cases where the court makes a decision to examine the complaint in an oral procedure, no later than within 2 working days from the date of receipt of the complaint and the decision made by means of electronic communication or the person who filed the complaint, other interested entities must be informed in writing (a copy of the ruling is provided).

9 . In the district court, when examining complaints received in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of this article, a hearing may be held, to which the officer authorized by the head of the police institution, the person who filed the complaint, and/or his lawyer (representative), other interested persons are invited. If these persons were notified in time about the date, place and time of the district court hearing, their non-appearance does not prevent the examination of the complaint. The decision of the district court is made no later than within 2 working days from the date of receipt of the complaint in court, and the person who filed the complaint and other interested persons must be informed about the decision made by means of electronic communication or in writing (a copy of the decision is provided).

10 . A person who disagrees with the decision of the district court, or an officer authorized by the head of the police institution, has the right to appeal the decision of the district court (hereinafter - the decision) to the district court. These appeals are filed through the district court that adopted the appealed decision within 7 days from the date of adoption of the decision. The decision of the district court is adopted no later than within 10 days of receiving the case from the district court that adopted the appealable. The total duration of the issuance of a protection against violence order on the same factual basis cannot exceed 15 days.

11 . Complaints referred to in this Article filed with the District Court shall be heard by a single judge.

12 . Complaints referred to in this article, submitted to the district or district court, to the extent not specified in this law, are examined in accordance with the procedure established by the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Republic of Lithuania.

13 . Filing a complaint to the district court does not stop the enforcement of the district court's decision.

14 . When the district or district court makes a decision on the annulment of a protection against violence order, the issue of compensation for the costs incurred by a person who poses a risk of domestic violence in connection with the fulfillment of the obligations of a protection against violence order must also be resolved. In exceptional cases, when it is impossible to accurately calculate the amount of these costs without obtaining additional material, the court, when making a decision on the cancellation of the protection against violence order, may recognize the right of the person to whom the protection against violence order was issued, to the compensation of these costs, and refer the issue of their amount for consideration civil procedure.

#### CHAPTER IV

# THE RIGHTS OF THE SUBJECTS IN THE CLOSE ENVIRONMENT OF VIOLENCE

# Article 10 . The rights of persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence

1 . Persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence have the right to:

1) receive information from police officers, specialized complex assistance center and personal health care institutions, prosecutors, the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service or its authorized territorial departments, social service institutions about institutions that provide assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence and victims of violence to individuals (names of legal entities, addresses of places of activity, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses), and the nature of the assistance provided;

2) receive information from the police officers about the issued protection against violence warrant (beginning, end of its application, obligations to the person who poses a risk of domestic violence) or the procedure for appealing the decision on the protection against violence warrant, when there was no protection against violence warrant for the person posing a risk of domestic violence intended for;

3) receive information about the arrest of a person who poses a risk of violence in the intimate environment and about the pretrial measures applied to him or about to be applied to ensure the safety of the person who has experienced violence (date of arrest and periods of application of pretrial measures);

4) receive specialized complex assistance;

5) receive social services in accordance with the procedure established by the Law on Social Services of the Republic of Lithuania (temporary accommodation or overnight accommodation for persons at risk of violence in the close environment or persons who have experienced violence, if necessary, is provided immediately at any time of the day);

6) be heard directly or through a representative ;

7) not to meet with a person posing a risk of domestic violence or a person who has possibly used domestic violence in the premises of the law enforcement authorities investigating the incident;

8) to appeal the decisions of police officers not to issue a protection against violence order in accordance with the procedure established in Article 9 of this law.

2 . Persons at risk of domestic violence and persons who have experienced violence have the rights set forth in paragraph 1 of this article, regardless of whether they have submitted a complaint, statement or notification regarding domestic violence to the competent authority or not.

#### Article 11. The rights of persons at risk of domestic violence

Persons who pose a risk of domestic violence have the right to:

1) receive information from police officers about the decision to issue a protection against violence warrant (the beginning, end of the application of the protection against violence warrant, the obligations set forth in it) and the procedure for appealing this decision;

2 ) receive information from police officers about institutions providing accommodation services (names of legal entities, addresses of places of activity, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses), when the obligation to move out of the place of residence applies;

3) receive information from police officers about the possibility of attending a violent behavior change program (training) (names of legal entities, addresses of places of activity, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses);

4) provide explanations related to domestic violence;

5) receive social services in accordance with the procedure established by the Law on Social Services (temporary accommodation or temporary accommodation for persons who pose a risk of domestic violence, if necessary, is provided immediately at any time of the day);

6) appeal the decisions of police officers to issue a protection against violence order in accordance with the procedure established in Article 9 of this law.

# **CHAPTER V**

# ORGANIZING THE PROTECTION AGAINST VIOLENCE AND SPECIALIZED COMPLEX ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING DANGERS IN THE

# CLOSE ENVIRONMENT OF VIOLENCE OR PERSONS EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE

# Article 12. Functions of law enforcement officers in organizing the protection of persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence

1. Upon receiving a complaint, statement or report regarding domestic violence, police officers who have arrived at the scene of the incident or are themselves witnesses of the incident, record the incident of domestic violence in accordance with the procedure established by the General Commissioner of the Lithuanian Police and:

1 ) without identifying the signs of a committed criminal act, in accordance with the procedure established in Article 8 of this law, decides on the issuance of a protection against violence warrant;

2 ) after identifying the signs of a committed criminal act, they start a pre-trial investigation.

2 . Police officers ensure the protection of a person at risk of domestic violence or a victim of violence and inform a person at risk of domestic violence or a victim of violence about their right not to file a complaint, statement or report regarding domestic violence and to use the protection and assistance provided for in this law, regardless of whether or not he has filed such a complaint, statement or notice.

3. When a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence applies to the prosecutor regarding domestic violence, the complaint, statement or report regarding a possible criminal act is examined in accordance with the procedure established by the Code of Criminal Procedure.

4. Police officers and the prosecutor shall organize the transfer of information about assistance provided to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence to the center of specialized complex assistance in accordance with the procedure established in Article 13 of this law.

5. Upon receiving a report of domestic violence and establishing the fact that the child is in an unsafe environment, police officers take steps to ensure the child's safety and immediately notify the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service or its authorized territorial departments (indicate the child's name, surname, date of birth), the address of the child's location, the circumstances of the event, if they are known at the time).

6. If a person in need of social or health care services is left unattended while fulfilling the obligations of a protection against violence order, police officers shall immediately inform the relative or other close person of this person through electronic communications or other means who can take care of the person who may be left unattended, and if their absent, - a social service institution and/or a personal health care institution that can provide assistance at any time of the day (indicate the person's name, date of birth and address of the place of residence, if known at that time).

7. The pre-trial investigation officer or prosecutor, who has assigned a pretrial measure to a suspect, accused or convicted person or initiated its imposition, immediately, no later than the day after the pretrial order was issued, informs the person who experienced violence and/or the child's representatives by means of electronic communication or in writing about the decisions made in accordance with the law and the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service or its territorial department (when a child experiences violence in the close environment) about the appointment, change or cancellation of this measure (specifies the name of the preventive measure, the date of its appointment and the period of application).

#### Article 13. Transfer of data to a specialized complex assistance center

1. Responding to a report of domestic violence, police officers inform a person at risk of domestic violence or a victim of violence that a specialized comprehensive assistance center will contact him and, upon his consent, provide specialized comprehensive assistance, provide this person with the telephone number of the emotional support service, contact information (telephone number and e-mail address) of the specialized comprehensive assistance center, written information on the nature of the specialized comprehensive assistance provided to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, and information specified in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

2 . A police officer or prosecutor, when approached by a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence, must immediately inform the center of specialized complex assistance about the received report on domestic violence via electronic means of communication. The police officer or prosecutor must provide the specialized complex assistance center with the necessary data of the person at risk of domestic violence or the person who has experienced violence: violation identification code (ROIK) (if known at the time), date and local address of the domestic violence incident, information on whether it was intended protection against violence order (indicate the date and time of the issuance of the person at risk assessment of the danger of domestic violence), the name and surname of the person at risk of domestic violence or the person who has experienced violence or the person who has experienced violence incident, information on whether it was intended protection against violence order (indicate the date and time of the issuance of the protection against violence order, the end of its application, the applicable obligations and the results of the risk assessment of the danger of domestic violence), the name and surname of the person at risk of domestic violence or the person who has experienced violence, telephone number, email address and a brief description. A report on domestic violence is forwarded to the specialized complex assistance center by a police officer or prosecutor, regardless of whether a pre-trial investigation is initiated or not.

3. A personal health care institution, to which a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence applies, must, in accordance with the procedure and deadlines established by legal acts, carry out a health examination of a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence, provide the necessary personal health care services, describe in medical documents physical injuries and/or psychological experiences detected during the inspection. The personal health care institution informs a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence that a specialized complex assistance center will contact him and, upon his consent, will provide assistance, and provides this person with the phone numbers and e-mail addresses of the specialized complex assistance center and emotional support service and written information about the nature of the specialized complex assistance provided to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, as well as the information referred to in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679. The personal health care institution must provide the specialized complex assistance center with the necessary contact data of a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence, so that he can contact a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence (indicate the name, surname, telephone number, email mailing address). The police are informed about the victim of violence.

4. Social service institutions, the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service or its authorized territorial departments, educational institutions, upon learning about domestic violence, must inform the specialized comprehensive assistance center about the person at risk of domestic violence, and the specialized comprehensive assistance center about the person who has experienced violence, and the police, and provide the necessary contact details of this person (indicate name, surname, telephone number, e-mail address). A person at risk of violence in a close environment or a person who has experienced violence is informed that he will be contacted by a specialized complex assistance center and, upon his consent, will provide assistance, this person is provided with the phone numbers, e-mail addresses of the specialized complex assistance center and emotional support service, and written information about the nature and information of provided specialized complex assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, specified in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679. If the person at risk of domestic violence or the person who has experienced violence is a minor, the legal representative of this minor and his/her personal data (name, surname, telephone number, e-mail address, name of the minor) of the legal representative of this minor are transferred to the specialized complex assistance center.

5. A police officer or a prosecutor, in accordance with the procedure established by the Basic Law on the Protection of Child Rights of the Republic of Lithuania, immediately

informs the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service or its authorized territorial departments about the received notification of domestic violence, if the person at risk of domestic violence or the person who has experienced violence is a child (a child , against whom domestic violence has been used or who has become a witness of domestic violence, lives in an environment where violence has occurred) or the person posing a risk of domestic violence is a minor (indicates the name, surname, date of birth, address of the child's location, the incident of domestic violence circumstances, if known at the time).

# Article 14 . Organization and provision of specialized complex assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence

1 . Specialized comprehensive assistance centers provide specialized comprehensive assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced violence and cooperate with other institutions providing assistance.

2 . The center of specialized comprehensive assistance, upon receiving the necessary data of a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence in the cases specified in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Article 13 of this law, immediately contacts the person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence and offers him a specialized complex help If the specialized complex assistance center lacks data to contact a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence, it has the right to contact the entity that provided the information for data (name and surname of a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence, telephone number or other rectification or presentation of known contact data).

3 . Specialized comprehensive assistance centers organize and provide specialized comprehensive assistance to adults at risk of domestic violence or adult victims of violence in such a way as to ensure the availability of specialized complex assistance throughout the territory of the Republic of Lithuania, taking into account the individual and special needs. Complex assistance is provided to children who are at risk of domestic violence or who have experienced violence, in accordance with the procedure established by the Law on the Basics of Child Rights Protection.

4 . The specialized complex assistance center performs the following functions:

1) assesses the individual and special needs of a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence, including the needs arising from domestic violence, together with a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence draws up a plan of assistance measures and organizes the provision of specialized complex assistance;

2 ) provides an expert assessment of the risk of domestic violence and cases of domestic violence;

3 ) provides information, advises on issues related to domestic violence and/or helps to solve these issues ;

4) provides specialized psychological and/or legal assistance;

5 ) provides information about the rights of persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence and the institutions that can ensure them, and when the person at risk of domestic violence is a child or a child has witnessed domestic violence or lives in an environment where violence has occurred, if the police were not informed about this case, - about the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service or its authorized territorial departments, specifying the names of these legal entities, addresses of the place of activity, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses;

6) when the person at risk of domestic violence or the person who has experienced violence is a child himself, his representatives, in accordance with the law, apply directly to the center of specialized complex assistance, immediately, no later than the next working day after the day of application, notify in writing or by electronic means of a possible violation of the child's rights (indicate the name, surname, date of birth, address of the child's location, if known at the time, a brief description of the incident) of the child at risk of domestic violence

or who has experienced violence) to the police and the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service or its authorized territorial departments;

7) provides information about social service institutions, indicating the names of these legal entities, the nature of the services provided, addresses of the place of activity, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and helps to contact social service institutions;

8) provides information about personal health care institutions, indicating the names of these legal entities, the nature of services provided, addresses of places of activity, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and helps to contact them;

9) at the request of a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence, organizes his/her escort to other institutions and/or organizations;

10) informs victims of violence, who directly apply to the specialized complex assistance center, about the possibility of filing a complaint with the competent authority regarding violence in the intimate environment from which they suffered, indicates the name of the competent authority, the address of the place of performance, telephone number, e-mail address;

11 ) provides information about pre-trial investigation institutions, the prosecutor's office or the court to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced violence, who directly apply to the center for specialized complex assistance ), to which a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence can apply for a criminal offense and/or other issues related to the criminal process;

12) provides assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, seeking to enter the labor market;

13) at the request of a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence, prepares information for the police, the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service or its authorized territorial departments and/or other interested institutions about the provision of specialized complex assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or those who have experienced violence individuals (indicate the person's name, date of birth, services provided and the date of their provision);

14) exchanges with the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service or its authorized territorial departments, social service institutions, information on the provision of specialized comprehensive assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence and/or the provision or initiation of other assistance (indicated by the person to whom provided specialized complex assistance, name, surname, date of birth, assistance provided and date of assistance provision), if a child lives with a person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced violence and/or the person at risk in a close environment or a person who has experienced violence is a child.

#### Article 15. Financing of specialized complex assistance

1. The specialized complex assistance provided for in this law is financed with the funds of the state budget, municipal budgets, and structural funds of the European Union.

2 . Funding from the state budget is allocated only to those centers of specialized complex assistance that have the right to provide specialized complex assistance and which have concluded contracts with an institution authorized by the Minister of Social Security and Labour .

3 . An institution authorized by the Minister of Social Security and Labor organizes the conclusion of contracts for the use of funds allocated for the provision of specialized complex assistance in the current budget year with centers of specialized complex assistance.

4. The institution authorized by the Minister of Social Security and Labor publishes information about specialized comprehensive assistance centers providing specialized comprehensive assistance on its website (names, codes, addresses of the place of activity, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of specialized comprehensive assistance centers are indicated).

# Article 16 . Adoption, suspension, renewal or cancellation of decisions on granting the right to provide specialized complex assistance

1. The right to provide specialized complex assistance may be granted to a public legal entity or its division established in the Republic of Lithuania or another member state of the European Union or in another European Economic Area state, which seeks to provide specialized complex assistance (hereinafter referred to as an institution seeking to provide specialized complex assistance) and meets the following requirements :

1) ensures the provision of specialized comprehensive assistance to the disabled in an appropriate manner, regardless of the nature of the disability;

2 ) there is a closed room in its premises where applicants can receive specialized complex assistance confidentially;

3) ensures the possibility of providing remote counseling to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced violence (by telephone, e-mail and/or other means of electronic communication), for this purpose they have mobile communication devices, computer and software equipment and a person who knows how to work with these tools and equipment personnel;

4 ) has at least 2 years of experience in providing specialized comprehensive assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced domestic violence, or in the field of human rights;

5) his employees, who will work directly with persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced violence, have a higher education in the field of social sciences or law studies or at least 2 years of work in providing specialized comprehensive assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or domestic violence experience for experienced persons;

6) ensures that all the functions referred to in Article 14, paragraph 4 of this law will be performed, for this purpose it has approved descriptions of the provided specialized complex assistance, which indicate the human and material resources available for providing each assistance.

2 . An institution seeking to provide specialized complex assistance shall submit to an institution authorized by the Minister of Social Security and Labor a written request for the right to provide specialized complex assistance in the form prescribed by the Minister of Social Security and Labor. Together with this request, documents substantiating the compliance with the requirements specified in paragraph 1 of this article or their certified copies must be submitted.

3 . An institution authorized by the Minister of Social Security and Labor shall, no later than within 30 days from the date of receipt of the request for granting the right to provide specialized complex assistance, assess whether the institution seeking to provide specialized complex assistance meets the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of this article, and the head of the institution authorized by the Minister of Social Security and Labor or his authorized person makes a decision on the granting of the right to provide specialized complex assistance (a copy of the decision is provided to the legal entity that submitted the request by means of electronic communications or in writing). After making a decision not to grant the right to provide specialized complex assistance, a reasoned refusal to grant the right to provide specialized complex assistance or failure to submit a reasoned refusal to grant the right to provide specialized complex assistance or failure to submit a reasoned refusal to grant the right to provide specialized complex assistance is not considered as granting the right to provide specialized complex assistance is not considered as granting the right to provide specialized complex assistance.

4. The decision on granting the right to provide specialized complex assistance is valid indefinitely, if the right to provide specialized complex assistance has not been revoked.

5. The validity of the decision on the right to provide specialized complex assistance may be temporarily suspended for no longer than 6 months, upon receipt of a written request from the specialized complex assistance center or if an institution authorized by the Minister of Social Security and Labor detects a violation (violations) of the provision of specialized complex assistance or non-compliance with the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of this article , after notifying the center of specialized complex assistance by means of electronic communication or in writing of the intention to suspend the validity of the decision on the right to provide specialized complex assistance in accordance with the procedure established in this part and after giving a reasonable period (not less than 7 days and not more than 30 days) to eliminate the violations.

6 . The validity of the decision on the right to provide specialized complex assistance is revoked in the following cases:

1) upon receipt of a written request from the specialized complex assistance center to cancel the validity of the decision on the right to provide specialized complex assistance;

2 ) after the end of the activity of the specialized complex assistance center as a legal entity;

3 ) without eliminating the violation (violations) or non-compliance with the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of this article within the period set by the institution authorized by the Minister of Social Security and Labor for the center of specialized comprehensive assistance.

7 . After the violations or non-compliance with the established requirements for the provision of specialized complex assistance determined in paragraph 5 of this article are eliminated, the validity of the decision on the right to provide specialized complex assistance is renewed no later than 7 days after the elimination of these violations or non-compliance.

8 . Decisions on the granting of the right to provide specialized comprehensive assistance, suspension, renewal or cancellation of decisions on the right to provide specialized comprehensive assistance are made by the head of the institution authorized by the Minister of Social Security and Labor or a person authorized by him, and the institution seeking to provide specialized comprehensive assistance is informed of the decision in writing.

9. The institution authorized by the Minister of Social Security and Labor informs other centers of specialized complex assistance with the right to provide specialized complex assistance and the Police Department under the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania about the adopted decision to suspend, cancel or renew the validity of the decision on the right to provide specialized comprehensive assistance. The decision to suspend, cancel or renew the validity of the decision on the right to provide specialized comprehensive assistance. The decision to suspend, cancel or renew the validity of the decision on the right to provide specialized complex assistance is published on the website of the institution authorized by the Minister of Social Security and Labour.

10 . If the data of a person at risk of domestic violence was transferred to the specialized complex assistance center in the case provided for in Article 8, Part 4 of this law, and a decision was made to suspend or cancel the validity of the decision on the right to provide specialized complex assistance, the specialized complex assistance center must complete an expert examination of the case of domestic violence to submit the assessment and the results of this assessment via electronic means of communication to the police institution from which they received the data of the person at risk of domestic violence.

11. The center of specialized complex assistance, as a result of which a decision was made to suspend or revoke the validity of the decision on the right to provide specialized complex assistance, having data of persons at risk of domestic violence or persons who have experienced domestic violence, to whom it provided specialized complex assistance, in accordance with Article 19 of this law according to the specified rules, transfers it to the nearest specialized complex assistance center and informs the institution authorized by the Minister of Social Security and Labor about it by means of electronic communication or in writing . The center of specialized complex assistance, upon receiving data from the center of specialized complex assistance, which resulted in a decision to suspend or cancel the validity of the decision on the right to provide specialized complex assistance, immediately, no later than within 7 days of receiving this data, informs the person at risk of domestic violence or a person who has experienced domestic violence about the possibility of continuing to receive specialized complex assistance at another specialized complex assistance center (telephone numbers, e-mail addresses of this specialized complex assistance center and written information about the provision of specialized complex assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence or to persons who have experienced violence are provided nature).

12 . The decisions of the head of the institution authorized by the Minister of Social Security and Labor or the person authorized by him, referred to in paragraph 8 of this article, may be appealed in accordance with the procedure established by the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on the procedure for examining pre-trial administrative disputes and/or the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Administrative Cases.

#### **CHAPTER VI**

# **RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLENCE IN THE NEAR ENVIRONMENT**

#### **Article 17**. Responsibility for domestic violence

1 . Violence in a close environment entails liability provided for in the laws of the Republic of Lithuania.

2 . Persons who have caused damage to human health, property, and the environment, as well as non-pecuniary damage, must compensate the victims of violence in accordance with the procedure established by the Civil Code.

#### Article 18. Liability for false reports and violations of this law

Persons who have falsely reported domestic violence, abused the rights of persons at risk of domestic violence, abused the rights of persons who have experienced violence, or who have not complied with the obligations of a protection against violence order shall be liable in accordance with the procedure established by the Code of Administrative Offenses.

#### CHAPTER VII FINAL PROVISIONS

#### Article 19. Protection of personal data

The personal data referred to in this law are processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the Law on the Legal Protection of Personal Data of the Republic of Lithuania and personal data of the Republic of Lithuania processed for the prevention, investigation, disclosure or prosecution of criminal offences, execution of sentences or national security or defense, of the Law on Legal Protection. The Commissioner General of the Lithuanian Police, the Prosecutor General, the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service, personal health care institutions, educational institutions, social service institutions and specialized complex assistance centers, according to their competence, establish internal rules that regulate the activities of institutions and institutions performing activities in the area of protection from violence in the environment and in the fields of assistance, the procedure for exchanging personal data related to domestic violence, and, if necessary, the types of personal data of persons posing a risk of domestic violence, persons experiencing a risk of domestic violence or other related persons.

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1.

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Law of the Republic of Lithuania on protection against domestic violence no. Amendment of Articles 5, 7, 8 and 9 of XI-1425

#### 2.

Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Law No. XII-474, 2013-07-02, Gazette, 2013, no. 79-3995 (2013-07-23), until 1131010ISTA0XII-474 Law amending Article 4 of the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence of the Republic of Lithuania

#### 3.

Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Law No. XII-1678, 05/07/2015, published in TAR 05/20/2015, until 2015-07662 Law of the Republic of Lithuania on protection against domestic violence no. XI-1425 Article 5 amendment law

#### 4.

Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Law No. XII-1717, 14-05-2015, published in the TAR on 26-05-2015, until 2015-08062 Law of the Republic of Lithuania on protection against domestic violence no. XI-1425 Article 5 amendment law

## 5.

Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Law No. XII-2339, 12-05-2016, published in the TAR on 24-05-2016, until 2016-13905 Law of the Republic of Lithuania on protection against domestic violence no. XI-1425 Article 10 amendment law

#### 6.

Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Law No. XII-2680, 12/10/2016, published in TAR 17/10/2016, up to 2016-25274 Law of the Republic of Lithuania on protection against domestic violence no. XI-1425 Law amending Articles 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and recognizing Article 6 as invalid

#### 7.

Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Law

No. XIII-1295, 2018-06-26, published in TAR 2018-06-27, until 2018-10618 Law of the Republic of Lithuania on protection against domestic violence no. XI-1425 Law to amend Articles 7 and 9

8.

Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Law No. XIII-3106, 2020-06-25, published in the TAR on 07-09-2020, until 2020-15315 Law of the Republic of Lithuania on protection against domestic violence no. XI-1425 Law amending Articles 1, 4, 8, 14 and 15

# 9.

Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Law No. <u>XIV-1856</u>, 28/03/2023, published in the TAR on 30/03/2023, up to 2023-05763 Law of the Republic of Lithuania on protection against domestic violence no. XI-1425 Article 4 amendment law

# 10.

Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Law No. XIV-934, 15/03/2022, published in the TAR on 22/03/2022, until 2022-05117 Law of the Republic of Lithuania on protection against domestic violence no. Act to amend XI-1425

#### 11.

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