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*Protection of minors from tobacco and alcoholic beverages and other provisions.*

**THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC**

We issue the following law, voted by the Parliament:

**Article 1****Protection of minors**

1. The protection of minors from the use of tobacco products and the consumption of alcohol falls within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity and is enforced by the Special Service for the Protection of Minors from Tobacco and Alcohol, as provided in paragraph 1 of article 5 herein.

2. According to the meaning of the present law:

- a) Tobacco products are the products manufactured fully or partially from tobacco leaves as raw material and are intended for use through inhalation, sipping or chewing.
- b) Minors are the persons who have not reached the eighteenth year of their age.

**Article 2****Regulations for the tobacco products**

1. As of the publication of the present document, the following are prohibited:

- a) the sale of tobacco products to minors and from minors,
- b) the placement of tobacco products in displays of shops, excluding duty free shops, kiosks and shops which sell exclusively tobacco products,
- c) the manufacturing, display, trading and sale of items with the external appearance of tobacco products, as well as the electronic cigarette, with the reservation of paragraph 2 of the present article.
- d) the advertisement and sale of tobacco products in areas of Healthcare Services and educational institutions of all levels, both Public and Private, as well as in the cafeterias of said Institutions and Services,
- e) the sale of tobacco products and smoking in areas of internet service provisions and artificial intelligence games, and

f) the consumption of tobacco products in enclosed areas of gymnastics, team sports and sporting events.

2. As of the publication of the present, and without prior approval by the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity, the following are prohibited: (a) any accompanying indication in tobacco product packaging, as well as in any type of advertising displays or entries, according to which the use of tobacco products imposes a reduced risk for health and (b) the circulation of products which are intended for the cessation of smoking. The conditions and the procedure for the assignment of the approval shall be determined by a joint decision of the Minister of Development and the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity.

3. Upon one year from the publication of the present law, the sale of tobacco products through vending machines, as well as the sale of individual cigarettes, or the sale of cigarettes in packages which contain less than twenty cigarettes are prohibited.

4. The free of charge distribution of tobacco products is prohibited.

5. In tobacco selling venues, a sign must be posted in regard to the prohibition of tobacco products to minors.

**Article 3****Tobacco product use prohibition**

1. In addition to the prohibitive or limiting provisions that are already in force, smoking and consumption of tobacco products is strictly prohibited, as of July 1st 2009, in the following areas: (a) in all public or private areas, enclosed or covered, which are used for the provision of work, excluding the areas which shall be provided especially for smokers by the competent authority or service, as the case may be, according to the terms that will be determined with a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, which shall be issued until this article is in force, as well as the areas that are used for the production of tobacco products, (b) in all healthcare facilities, especially in facilities for the production and servicing of food, beverages, pastries, any type of milk products, grocery stores

and entertainment venues, pursuant to the meaning of the provisions of articles 5, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41 of the Healthcare Provision number A1b/8577/1983 (Official Gazette 526 B'), excluding their external areas, (c) in enclosed waiting areas of any type, (d) in airports, excluding areas which will be specifically determined for smokers, (e) in stations of transportation means and port stations, (f) in cafeterias of any type, (g) in public transportation means of any type, including public use cars with meters (taxis) and daily lease taxis. Other areas and spaces may also be included in the prohibition of the present article by decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity.

2. Upon the enforcement of the prohibition of the previous paragraph, smokers' areas may be set within the enclosed or covered areas of healthcare facilities of the case "b" of paragraph 1 of the present article, which shall be separated from the rest of the area and shall be equipped with special ventilation installations. With a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, which is published in the Official Gazette of the Government and is issued upon proposal of the Special Service for the Protection of Minors from Tobacco and Alcohol of article 5, paragraph 1 of the present, within six (6) months from the date this law comes to force, the terms and the conditions shall be set forth for the provision of the permit for the arrangement and operation of smokers' areas, as well as for the revocation of such permit, by the competent administration of the relevant municipality/city.

3. Especially the healthcare facilities with area up to 70 square meters of the case "b" of paragraph 1 of the present article, must be determined, with the decision of their owner which shall be incorporated in the operation permit, as facilities exclusively for smokers, or non smokers. This characterization may be amended by a newer application of the owner, according to the applicable laws.

#### **Article 4**

##### **Regulations for alcoholic beverages**

The entrance and stay, as well as any type of activity or employment in entertainment venues and bars, as well as the consumption of alcoholic beverages in any public centers, excluding the cases of private events are prohibited to minors.

#### **Article 5**

##### **Services for the protection and the control of the use of tobacco and alcohol**

1. A Special Service for the Protection of Minors from Tobacco and Alcohol (hereinafter the "Special Service") is established in the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity, which is subject to the supervision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity. With a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, upon proposal of the competent service of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, the Special Service shall be staffed through hiring and transfers of personnel of the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity with any employment relationship, as well as with transfers of personnel of services with similar relationships which are supervised by said Ministry. A similar decision determines the issues of organization and operation of the Special Service.

2. The Special Service, according to the provisions of the Convention of the World Health Organization for the control of tobacco, which was ratified with Law 3420/2005 (Gazette 298 A') is responsible for:

- a) the development of the national research and the coordination of research programs in the area of tobacco and alcohol control.
- b) the promotion, encouragement and development of research in regard to the determining factors and the consequences from the consumption of tobacco and alcohol, the exposure to tobacco, as well as the research for discovering alternative methods of cultivation.
- c) the training and support of all those who are involved in activities for the control of tobacco and alcohol, including the research, the implementation and the evaluation.
- d) the establishment, in cooperation with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (KELPNO), of a national system of epidemiological monitoring of the consumption of tobacco and alcohol, as well as the relevant social and economic indicators and health indicators.
- e) the creation and updating of a database with its subject being the laws and control regulations, information concerning their implementation, and the relevant case law,
- f) the cooperation with the competent authorities of other countries, as well as with international or peripheral organizations, for the implementation of their goals and actions, and for the development of programs for the peripheral and global control of tobacco,
- g) the expression of opinions or the management, upon relevant decision by the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, of any other subject which concerns tobacco, alcohol and their products, and
- h) the creation, in cooperation with OKANA and KETHEA, of a national prevention plan, which shall be determined by decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, in matters of tobacco and alcohol.

3. A Department of Tobacco and Alcohol Control is established in the Association of Health Services and Provision Inspectors (SEYYYP), which shall be responsible for the control of the application of the present law, as well as the relevant community and national laws, for the protection from tobacco and alcohol. With a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, said Department of Control shall be staffed, with the reservation of the provisions of Law 2920/2001 (Official Gazette 131 A') with employees from the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity, as well as public organizations that are supervised by the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity. A similar decision determines the issues of organization and operation of said Department of Control. During the conduct of the suppressive control, the local competent police and port authorities, upon request by the Department of Control, are obliged to provide immediate aid.

#### **Article 6**

##### **Administrative penalties**

1. A penalty shall be imposed to each party responsible for the management and operation of the private areas described in

article 3 in the case of violations of article 3, to each party responsible for the management and the operation of an entertainment venue and bar that allow or tolerate violations of article 4 or violate article 4 themselves, as well as to anyone who sells tobacco products to minors or violates the provisions of cases b, c, d, e of paragraph 1 of article 2, or who violates the provisions of paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of article 2. The amount of the fine is up to 1.000 Euros for each violation and is imposed according to the severity of each violation, the size and the turnover of the enterprise and the measures taken by each responsible party for its management and operation and for the prevention of violations. In the case of repeated offense, a fine of up to 2.000 Euros shall be imposed for each violation, on the basis of the same criteria. In the case of a third violation, with a decision of the competent Authority, the sale of tobacco products and/or alcoholic beverages shall be temporarily prohibited for a period of up to three (3) months, and if the enterprise does not sell tobacco or alcohol products, a fine of 2.000 - 3.000 Euros will be imposed. In the case of a fourth violation and for each subsequent violation, with a decision of the competent Authority which provided the relevant permit, said permit will be temporarily and/or permanently revoked. Any penalties imposed by other laws are not affected by the provisions of this paragraph.

2. A fine will be imposed to the violators of the provisions of case f of paragraph 1 of article 2 and to those who smoke or consume tobacco products in violation of the provisions of article 3, the amount of which varies from 50 to 500 Euros for each violation, and is determined and imposed by a decision of the Department for the Control of Tobacco and Alcohol and the Association of Healthcare Services and Provision Inspectors (SEYYP), depending on the severity and the repetition of each offense.

3. The competent Authorities, the services, the procedures for the control of the confirmation of the violations and the imposition of the relevant penalties, the process for the collection of fines which are considered public revenues, as well as any other necessary detail for the application of the present article are determined with a joint decision of the Ministers of Internal Affairs, Development, Health and Social Solidarity and the competent Minister, as the case may be.

## **CHAPTER B OTHER PROVISIONS**

### **Article 7**

Paragraph 8 of article 50 of Law 3370/2005 (Official Gazette 176 A') is hereby annulled and the provision of subparagraph cc, case h of paragraph 2 of Article 15 of Law 3329/2005 (Gazette 81 A') is set in force. Also, the subsequent renumbering of the next subparagraph dd is annulled.

### **Article 8**

Physicians who perform or performed duties as temporary employees in positions of personnel of Special Positions (SP), and who were called during said time period to commence or complete their medical training shall be acceptable, upon their departure from the temporary position as redundant in their medical specialties to which they were called.

The present provision shall apply from the 1st of September 2007.

### **Article 9**

Persons included in the tables of qualified candidates for the positions of regular personnel in Social Care Departments of the Healthcare Districts (Announcement 8K/2005, ASEP issue of Announcements 106/23.6.2005, 9K/2005, ASEP issue of Announcements 110/24.6.2005 and 9K/2006, ASEP issue of Announcements 542/5.9.2006) shall be hired in vacated organization positions and in the case of a non currently vacant or non-provided organization position of a respective sector, in an organization position which is created with the decision for the hiring in the same sector in the Social Care Departments (articles 14 et al as applicable of Law 3329/2005), where they succeeded.

### **Article 10**

Article 36 of Law 2778/1999 (Gazette 295 A') is replaced as follows:

#### **"Article 36**

With a decision of the relevant Board of Directors, which is approved by the competent Healthcare District, the Hospitals of the National Health System and Social Solidarity, they may assign, according to the applicable provisions, to natural or legal persons of the public or private sector, their computer systems, the keeping of their accounting books for the application of the General and Analytical Accounting Operations, as well as the drawing of their financial statements as provided by the Industry Accounting Schedule of the Public Health Units (presidential decree 146/2003, Official Gazette 122 A') and the international accounting standards."

### **Article 11**

In article 43 of Law 1759/1988 (Gazette 50 A'), paragraph 6 is added as follows:

"6. Physicians of the National Health System who have acquired a specialty and have completed 15 years of service in hospitals or healthcare centers of remote areas, may, upon request, transferred to a comparable position in a Hospital or Healthcare Center, respectively, of the Prefectures of Attica and Thessaloniki, with a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, provided that they have minor children with disability percentage of one hundred percent (100%). The transferred employees are hired to cover an organizational position of the same rank."

### **Article 12**

In article 7 of Law 1965/1991 (Gazette 146 A'), paragraph 8 is added as follows:

"8. IFET may export products it imported in order to cover extraordinary needs and which it may not distribute in the local market anymore, due to their re-circulation by the authorized representative or the manufacturer".

### **Article 13**

The first subparagraph of paragraph 5 of article 13 of Law 96/1973 (Official Gazette 172 A'), as applicable, is replaced as follows:

"The pharmaceutical products provided to patients in public hospitals and institutions supervised by the Ministry of Health and

Social Solidarity and Employment and Social Security are charged at the official wholesale price, increased by five percent (5%)."

#### **Article 14**

1. Paragraph 2 of Article 14 of Law 3457/2006 (Gazette 93 A') is replaced as follows:

"2. The transfer of pharmacies is allowed only within the limits of the cities and municipalities in which a modification did not occur, according to the provisions of article 1 of Law 2539/1997 (Official Gazette 244 A'), as well as within the limits of the city or municipality which constitutes a municipal or provincial district, respectively, of the city which was incorporated according to the abovementioned law."

2. Paragraph 4 of Article 6 of Law 1963/1991 (Gazette 138 A') is replaced as follows:

"4. The minimum distance of a pharmacy which operates or was operating in the same facility for more than twelve (12) years and is transferred due to a final eviction notice of the Court for reconstructions, personal use or demolition, must be twenty meters away from operating pharmacies".

#### **Article 15**

The obligation for the adaptation of private clinics as per the provision of paragraph 2 of article 8 of presidential decree 198/2007 (Official Gazette 255 A') is hereby extended until 30.6.2009. Similarly, the obligation of application of articles 10 and 11 of Law 3457/2006 by private clinics is hereby extended until 30.6.2009, regardless of the legal scope for the establishment and operation and regardless of if their permits include the obligation to operate a pharmacy. As of 1.7.2009, the pharmacies of private clinics shall acquire medicines at the hospital price and sell them at the wholesale price increased by five percent (5%).

#### **Article 16**

The last subparagraph of Article 42 of Law 3601/1928 (Gazette 119 A') is annulled.

#### **Article 17**

Paragraphs d1 and d2 of article 29 of Law 3209/2003 (Official Gazette 304 A') are hereby annulled.

#### **Article 18**

1. The amounts of twenty three thousand two hundred forty two Euros and twenty five cents (23,242.25) which were paid to the employees of the General Hospital of Elefsina "THRIASIO" for night work and Sunday work, as well as work during official holidays for the year 1996, and had not been included in the approving joint ministerial decisions are hereby deemed legally paid and are not claimed back.

2. The claims of the beneficiaries which were tried with the decisions of the Magistrate Court of Athens with numbers 1342/1997, 59/1998, 60/1998, 721/1998, 722/1998, 723/1998, 724/1998 shall be paid, regardless of the statute of limitations. Any relevant expense for their satisfaction shall burden the budget of the Psychiatric Hospital of Attica "DROMOKAITIO" and its funds. With a joint decision of the Ministers of Economy and

Economics and Health and Social Solidarity, following the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Hospital, the time and the manner of the payment of said expenses is settled.

#### **Article 19**

1. For the selection of candidates for hiring in positions of physicians in the NHS, the time of specialization in an intensive care unit or a relevant unit for infants and children is considered as time of prior service in the NHS. This provision applies for the physicians who are specialized in an intensive care unit or a relevant unit for infants and children after the present article is in force.

2. Physicians who are members of a DEP and complete two (2) years of service in Intensive Care clinics or a corresponding unit for infants and children, may receive their title of specialty in Intensive Care, upon taking examinations according to the applicable provisions for the physicians of the NHS.

3. The scope of paragraph 4 of article 21 of Law 3580/2007 includes the physicians under training in the Intensive Care Units or relevant units for infants and children of the hospitals of the NHS. This provision applies retroactively as of 1.4.2008.

#### **Article 20**

1. The provision of paragraph 1 of article 15 of Law 2920/2001 (Official Gazette 131 A'), as applicable, includes physicians under trainings and dentists who underwent an organ transplant, as well as the ones who suffer from renal insufficiency at its final stage and from congenital immune deficiency.

2. All physicians and dentists who are subject to the provision of paragraph 1 of article 15 of Law 2920/2001, as applicable, and following service of five (5) years in a position of Stewart A, may be promoted to a "intuiti personae" position of Director of the NHS, without administrative authorities, with a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity.

#### **Article 21**

Article 19 of Law 3209/2003 is replaced as follows:

#### **"Article 19**

Physicians and dentists of the NHS who serve in "intuiti personae" positions in hospitals of the NHS, as redundant employees, may, following application and the opinion of the relevant Healthcare Districts, be transferred to hospitals and healthcare centers throughout Greece with a transfer of their position, by decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity."

#### **Article 22**

1. In the case that a physician under training takes a leave of absence for post-graduate studies or a pregnancy leave and said leave exceeds thirty (30) days, her position is covered by the next trainee physician as redundant in a "intuiti personae" position of a trainee physician which is established with a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity. This position is annulled with the completion of the time of specialty training of the previous trainee physician, when the trainee physician who is appointed in the "intuiti personae" position is hired in the vacated position for the time period remaining until said completion

of his specialty training period. This provision may apply once for each trainee physician and may not apply in cases of trainee physicians who were appointed prior to its application.

2. The provision of paragraph 1 applies also to physicians who are obliged to serve in rural areas.

3. The details for the application of the previous two paragraphs may be regulated with a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity.

4. Physicians who have a remaining time for the specialty training of up to six (6) months may, in order to complete the remaining time, be appointed upon request to the competent service of the Prefectural Administrations as redundant physicians in a clinic or a laboratory, without salary, for the remaining time of their training. The remaining time may concern either the introductory or the main part of their specialty. The number of these redundant trainees per clinic or laboratory may not exceed two (2).

#### **Article 23**

The cases A and D of paragraph 3 of article 21 of Law 3580/2007 are replaced as follows:

"3.A. The obligatory service per article 1 of Law 67/1968 (Official Gazette 303 A) in rural areas is determined as a twelve month service for the physicians. Said physicians shall serve, mandatorily, the first quarter of said time period in the pathology and surgical departments of the hospital in which the District Medical Office or the Healthcare Center fall, where they have been appointed and are compensated during said time period as redundant physicians with mandatory rural service, in temporary positions according to the decision of their appointment. The physician shall serve in the District Medical Office or Healthcare Center where he was appointed for the remaining nine months. During the period of mandatory rural service the physician is entitled to a normal leave of absence of fifteen (15) days. In extraordinary cases, with a justified decision of the Director of the Hospital, the quarterly hiring of said physicians in the departments of pathology and surgery of the hospital may take place even after the first quarter of their twelve month service and up to three (3) months prior to its expiration.

D. The abovementioned twelve month mandatory rural service may be reduced or increased with a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity which is published in the Official Gazette of the Government, per categories of obliged physicians or healthcare services."

The present provision applies retroactively as of April 16th 2008.

#### **Article 24**

1. The second to last paragraph of Article 129 of Law 3655/2008 (Gazette 58 A/3.4.2008) is replaced as follows: "The financial motive of article 63 par. 6 of law 3518/2006 (Official Gazette 272 A) shall still be paid to the personnel of TYDKY which was transferred to OPAD and said payment shall be extended as of 1.8.2008 to the personnel of OPAD, its attorneys - legal consultants, as well as its physicians and dentists with a three year service."

2. After Article 21 of Law 3342/2005, article 21a is added as follows:

"Article 21a

#### **Main Press Centre**

In the Main Press Centre, as it appears in the plot survey number 12 of paragraph 1 of article 9 of Law 3342/2005, the use of offices and administrative services is allowed, and is excluded from the applicable laws in regard to the required parking spaces (Law 960/1979 as amended and applicable with the presidential decrees 230/1993 and 111/2004)."

#### **Article 25 Provisions for E.O.F.**

1. Article 5 of Law 1316/1983 (Gazette 3 A) is replaced as follows:

#### **"Article 5**

1. The Administration of E.O.F. is its Board of Directors, the President and two Vice Presidents. The Board of Directors is a five member board and consists of the President, two Vice Presidents and two members. The A' Vice President of E.O.F. has executive duties and the B' Vice President is responsible for scientific issues.

2. The President and the two Vice Presidents of the E.O.F. must have knowledge for the organization and administration and must be holders of university degrees. The President is appointed with a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, upon the opinion of the competent Permanent Committee of Social Affairs of the Parliament. The Vice Presidents and the members of the Board of Directors are appointed with a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity. Scientists with experience in the know-how of the medicine, the policies and health economics are appointed as members of the Board of Directors.

3. The tenure of the Board of Directors is three years. The Vice Presidents and the members of the Board of Directors are appointed with a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity. The tenure of those who are appointed to replace others expires at the time that the tenure of the members they replaced would expire. The President, the Vice Presidents and the members whose tenure expired will continue to perform their duties until the appointment of new members in their positions. The positions of the President of E.O.F. and the A' Vice President are full time and exclusive positions. The compensation of the President, the Vice Presidents of the E.O.F. and the other members of the Board of Directors is determined by a joint decision of the Ministers of Economy and Economics and Health and Social Solidarity. The amount of the compensation of the President and the Vice Presidents of the E.O.F. may not exceed the compensation received by the Presidents of the YPE.

4. The Board of Directors is called by the President at least once per month and is in plenum when at least three (3) members are present. Among these, the President or one of the Vice Presidents must be present. The meetings of the Board of Directors are presided by the President. In the case of his absence for any reason, he is substituted by the A' or the B' Vice President, in that order. The decisions are made by the majority of the present members. In the case of halved votes, the opinion adopted by the presiding member supersedes.

5. An employee of the E.O.F. performs the duties of the secretary of the Board of Directors along with his/her substitute with a decision of the President of the E.O.F. The compensation of said secretary is determined according to the provisions of article 17 of Law 3205/2003 (Gazette 297 A').

6. The ordinary performance of the duties which derive from the present law constitutes a duty of the President and the Vice Presidents of the E.O.F. In the case of violation of their duties, they are subject to all civil and criminal penalties that apply for public employees. Unjustified failure to perform their duties constitutes reason for their replacement."

2. Article 6 of Law 1316/1983 is replaced as follows:

"Article 6

Competencies of the Board of Directors - President - Vice Presidents

I. The Board of Directors:

1. Studies, provides expert opinion and proposes the necessary legal measures for the improvement of the organization and operation of the Organization.

2. Draws and submits for approval all regulations to the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, according to the procedure provided by the present law, specifically:

a) regulation for the operation of the E.O.F., the composition and organization of its services and the operational condition of its personnel.

b) all regulations and organizations of the companies in which the E.O.F. participates,

c) a regulation for the collection and management of resources, as well as for the investment of funds,

d) a regulation for the acquisition of materials and any other regulation which shall be deemed appropriate.

3. Draws the budget, the balance sheet and the statement of operations.

4. Submits a detailed report of operations of the Board of Directors to the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity after the end of each year and within the first quarter of the following year.

5. Monitors the actions of the other officers of the E.O.F.

6. With the reservation of the provisions of the present article and article 5, wherever the Board of Directors of the E.O.F. is mentioned, it means the President of the E.O.F.

II. The President exercises all rights which derive from the present law, specifically:

1. Decides for all issues of administration and management of the Organization, provided that they do not fall within the jurisdiction of other services. Exercises all rights, proposes or imposes all penalties provided by the present law.

2. Is the supervisor of all services which he supervises and monitors. Proceeds, each time, to the measures he deems necessary for the smooth and more efficient operation of the services and the other departments and committees of the Organization.

3. Decides about the hiring, the promotion, the transfer, the permanence of positions, or the dismissal of the personnel of the E.O.F. by applying the applicable laws.

4. Represents the Organization in all its relationships and transactions with any third party in all courts of any degree and jurisdiction. In the cases where the law requires the personal appearance of the President as representative of

the E.O.F. before the Court, said appearance takes place by the legal consultant or other attorney with a special power of attorney. When the E.O.F. has to testify under oath, said oath is taken by the President or another member of the Board of Directors or an employee of the E.O.F. who is determined with a decision of the Board of Directors upon proposal of the President.

5. Decides for the approval of expenses and the drawing or dissolution of each contract.

6. Provides for all matters in regard to the signing of contracts for purchases or leases, especially whether the terms and conditions provided by the regulations were observed.

7. Signs every document of the E.O.F. and any such contract with third parties.

8. In urgent cases, he takes all administrative or conservative measures that are necessary in his opinion and fall within the authority of the E.O.F. for the protection of the public health from products which fall within the responsibility of the E.O.F. and of which the production, importation, distribution and circulation in general does not comply with the legal specifications. Said measures are ratified or amended or annulled with a decision of the Board of Directors which is called within twenty (20) days at the latest.

9. Proposes and suggests any matter of his authority to the Board of Directors.

10. Decides about the incorporation of expert committees and the assignment of specific projects by officers of the organization or third parties who process matters regarding the organization and submit relevant proposals, while also determining their duration and extent. The same decision determines the terms for their operation, and the schedule for the submission of their proposals. The amount of the compensation of the abovementioned committees is determined by a joint decision of the Ministers of Economics and the Economy and Health and Social Solidarity.

11. May assign some of his authorities to a member or members of the Board of Directors, as well as to the managers, department managers and the employees of the Organization.

III. The competencies of the Vice Presidents are determined with a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity which is issued upon proposal of the President of the E.O.F. The President of the E.O.F. submits his proposal within one month from the assumption of his duties. The Vice Presidents A and B substitute the President, in that order, in his duties when the President is absent or detained."

3. Article 7 of Law 1316/1983 is replaced as follows:

"Article 7

General Council and Crisis Management Council.

A. General Council

1. The General Council of the E.O.F. operates in a consulting capacity for the President of the E.O.F. and examines the course and the work of the E.O.F. and proposes measures it deems appropriate for its purpose and goals.

2. The full composition and operation is determined by a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity upon proposal of the President of the E.O.F.

**B. Crisis Management Council**

1. A Crisis Management Council is established in the E.O.F. in order to protect the public health, and which is presided by the President of the E.O.F.
2. Its full composition and operation is determined by a decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity upon proposal of the President of the E.O.F."

**Article 26**

Directors, Substitute Directors of the D.Y.PE., as well as Directors, Substitute Directors of the supervised F.P.Y.YK.A. who are employees of Ministries or other Public Services or Public Law Corporate Bodies or OTA of A and B degree, provided that they have completed a two year tenure in a position of Director or Substitute Director, may be transferred to the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity or to a Public Law Legal Body which is supervised by it.

The transfer is made by a joint decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity and the competent Minister, as the case may be, without a requirement for the opinion of the relevant council, upon request of the employee.

The transfer is made to a vacant organizational position of the same sector and category. In the case that a vacant organizational position does not exist, the transfer is made to a temporary position which is established with the decision of the transfer and is annulled with the resignation of the employee in any manner.

**Article 27**

The application of paragraph 29 of Article 13 of Law 2955/2001 and paragraph c, subparagraph 1 of article 29 of law 3209/2003 applies also to the Physicians - General Practitioners who serve in the Department of Oncology - Chemical Therapy of the B' Hospital of IKA of Thessaloniki which is part of the Social Security Institute. This regulation applies until June 30th 2009.

**Article 28**

The compensation of any type of personnel of the Public Law Corporate Body with the name "Center for the Training and Rehabilitation of the Blind" (K.E.A.T.) shall be paid, as of 1.1.2009, by the National Budget. In order to cover this expense, a relevant credit is entered in the budget of the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity.

**Article 29**

In the third paragraph of the first article of Law 3527/2007, a subparagraph e is added as follows:

"e. In the case that the duration of the Not for Profit Corporation with short title "ANBEP AMKE" expires and is not renewed, its replacement is possible with the agreement of the other parties. The amendment of the contract for the execution of the endowment of Maria Vergoti to the General Hospital of Kefalinia applies with the issuance of a relevant inter-credit decision of the Minister of Health and Social Solidarity.

**Article 30**

1. In paragraph 1 of article 13 of Law 2646/1998 (Official Gazette 236 A'), a new subparagraph d is added as follows:

"d. Network for the Support of Disabled Persons

The purpose of the Centers is the diagnosis, the treatment, the psychological and social support and the pre-occupational training of persons of all ages with mobility and mental problems, as well as other groups of the population which need support.

The "AmeA" support centers are Social Care Units, they operate as independent Public Law Corporate Bodies (N.P.D.D.), they are subject to the control and supervision of the Director of the relevant Healthcare District, they are governed by the provisions of Law 3329/2005 (Official Gazette 81 A') and they have their own budget, protocol, seal, archives and Tax Registration Number (AFM).

2. For the coverage of the staffing needs of the AmeA Support Center of Amfissa, which has been completed, eight (8) positions are established in various categories and sectors. The distribution of the positions in the other Support Centers, following their completion per service, category and sector is done by a joint decision of the Ministers of Internal Affairs, Economy and Economics, and Health and Social Solidarity. The qualifications for the job positions in the Support Centers are determined by the presidential decree of paragraph 7 of Article 6 of Law 2646/1998 (Official Gazette 236 A').

**Article 31**

The deadline set forth in the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 of Article 21 of Law 3581/2007 (Official Gazette 140 A') is extended until 31.12.2011.

**Article 32**

This law applies as of its publication in the Official Gazette of the government, unless it is set forth otherwise in the individual provisions.

We order the publication of the present Law in the Official Gazette of the government and its execution as Law of the State.

Athens, December 19th 2008

THE PRESIDENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

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