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The Senate Has Approved Amendments to Intellectual Property Legislation in First Reading

Deputies of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan (RK) approved a draft Law “On Introduction of Amendments and Changes to Some RK Legislative Acts on Intellectual Property Matters” in first reading at a plenary session today, a correspondent of the Agency reported.

The purpose of the draft Law is to bring the Law “On Copyright and Related Rights” in compliance with provisions of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works and to remove internal contradictions from the Law.

Also the draft Law will enable Kazakhstan to accede to The Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights when it joins the World Trade Organization.

As stated in a report of the Committee of the Senate on Legislation and Legal Matters, the amendments and changes to the Law of RK “On Copyright and Related Rights” are conditioned by the need to bring it in compliance with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Copyright and Performances and Phonograms Treaties to which Kazakhstan acceded in 2004.

The proposed amendments will bring the national legislation on intellectual property in full compliance with both generally recognized principles and standards of international law and international treaties to which Kazakhstan is a party.

The rights, obligations and liabilities of parties to company’s inventions are formalized with the aim to improve legislation protecting intellectual property rights.

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