

**REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**  
**LAW**  
**ON SUPPLEMENTING THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA CODE OF**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENCES**

Adopted on 9 June 2017

**Article 1.** In the Republic of Armenia Code of Administrative Offences of 6 December 1985 (hereinafter “the Code”), add the following new Paragraph 7 to Article 37:

“7. In a case concerning the administrative offences proscribed by Article 169.28 of this Code, an administrative penalty may be imposed within two months of detecting the offence, but not later than within a year of the commission of the offence.”

**Article 2.** Add the following new Article 41.5 to the Code:

**“Article 41.5. Failure to Register a Report on Information Presented by a Whistleblower about a Corruption Case, a Violation of Requirements on Conflict of Interest or Ethics Rules or Incompatibility or Other Limitations or Other Violations related to Filing Declarations, or Any Other Harm Aimed against Public Interests, or any Threat Thereof; Failure to Initiate Proceedings Based on Such Report when the Grounds for Initiating Proceedings are Present; Failure to Secure the Confidentiality of Initiated Proceedings; Failure to Enable to Whistleblower to Present Clarifications, Documents, and Applications; Failure to Provide Information Requested by the Whistleblower about the Progress of the Proceedings and the Measures Taken; and Failure to Take Measures to Verify the Report or to Protect the Whistleblower from Harmful Action or to Eliminate Harmful Actions and Their Consequences**

1. Failure to register a report on information presented by a whistleblower about a corruption case, a violation of requirements on conflict of interest or ethics rules or incompatibility or other limitations or other violations related to filing declarations, or any other harm aimed against public interests, or any threat thereof; failure to initiate proceedings based on such report when the grounds for initiating proceedings are present; failure to secure the confidentiality of initiated proceedings; failure to enable to

whistleblower to present clarifications, documents, and applications; failure to provide information requested by the whistleblower about the progress of the proceedings and the measures taken; and failure to take measures to verify the report or to protect the whistleblower from harmful action or to eliminate harmful actions and their consequences, when such act does not contain features of a crime:  
shall entail imposition of a fine in the amount of 100 to 200 established minimal salaries.

2. Failure to secure confidentiality in the processing of the whistleblower's private data, when such act does not contain features of a crime:  
shall entail imposition of a fine in the amount of 300 to 400 established minimal salaries.”

**Article 3.** Add the following new Article 169.28 to the Code:

**“Article 169.28. Failure to File a Declaration with the Ethics Commission of High-Ranking Officials in the Prescribed Time Period , or Filing the Declaration in Violation of the Requirements on Completing Declarations or of the Procedure of Filing Declarations, or Negligently Presenting Incorrect or Incomplete Information in a Declaration**

1. Failure by a declarant official or his family member (hereinafter in this Article, “Declarants”) to file a declaration stipulated by the Republic of Armenia Law on Public Service (hereinafter “a Declaration”) with the Ethics Commission of High-Ranking Officials in the time period prescribed by the Republic of Armenia Law on Public Service:  
shall entail a warning.
2. A Declarant's failure to file a declaration within 30 days of imposing the administrative penalty prescribed by Paragraph 1 of this Article:  
shall entail imposition of a fine in the amount of 200 established minimal salaries.
3. Filing, by a Declarant, of a declaration with the Ethics Commission of High-Ranking Officials in violation of the requirements on completing declarations or of the procedure of filing declarations:  
shall entail a warning.
4. A Declarant's failure to file a declaration in compliance with the requirements on completing declarations or with the procedure of filing declarations, within 30 days of imposing the administrative penalty prescribed by Paragraph 3 of this Article:  
shall entail imposition of a fine in the amount of 200 established minimal salaries.

5. Negligently presenting incorrect or incomplete information in a declaration by a Declarant:  
shall entail imposition of a fine in the amount of 200 to 400 established minimal salaries.”

**Article 4.** Add the following new Article 206.14 to the Code:

**“Article 206.14. Failure to Provide the Necessary Information or Requested Materials to the Corruption Prevention Commission**

1. Failure of officials of state or local self-government bodies and other organizations to provide to the Corruption Prevention Commission during the prescribed period the requested materials, documents, or other information (except for information containing bank secrecy), or their failure to carry out free-of-charge studies and to perform free-of-charge expert examinations with respect to circumstances that need to be found in the course of studying an issue at hand, and to provide the results of such studies and expert examinations:  
shall entail imposition of a fine in the amount of 20 to 50 established minimal salaries.”

**Article 5.** In sub-paragraph 1 of Paragraph 1 of Article 223 of the Code:

- 1) Add the number “41.5” after the numbers “40.6 - 40.14”;
- 2) Add the number “206.14” after the number “206.13.”

**Article 6.** Add the following new Article 244.17 to the Law:

**“Article 244.17. The Ethics Commission of High-Ranking Officials**

1. Cases concerning the administrative offences proscribed by Article 169.28 of this Code shall be examined, and administrative penalties therein imposed, by the Ethics Commission of High-Ranking Officials.”

**Article 7.** In Paragraph 1 of Article 254 of the Code:

- 1) In sub-paragraph 3, add the number “41.5” before the number “172.3”;
- 2) Add the following new sub-paragraph 13:  
“13) In cases concerning the administrative offences proscribed by Article 206.14 of this Code—the Corruption Prevention Commission.”

**Article 8.** Transitional Provisions

1. Articles 1, 3, and 6 of this Law shall enter into force on 1 July 2017.
2. Article 2, Paragraph 1 of Article 5, and Paragraph 1 of Article 7 of this Law shall enter into force on 1 January 2018.
3. Article 4, Paragraph 2 of Article 5, and Paragraph 2 of Article 7 shall enter into force on 10 April 2018.

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