Act III of 2025

amending Act LV of 2018 on the right of assembly with regard to the protection of children, and amending related Acts

[1] This Act amends the Act on the right of assembly by prohibiting the holding of assemblies that violate the prohibitions provided for in the Act on the protection of children.

[2] The protection of children also makes it necessary that the legislature forbid anyone to hold, by misleading the assembly authority, a prohibited assembly, or to participate in such an assembly despite explicit information concerning the prohibition on it provided by the police at the place of the assembly. To avoid abuses, the amendment categorises these conducts as infractions, and provides that a fine may be imposed on perpetrators for such infraction, which will be enforced as public due to be collected as taxes, and the amounts thus collected will be allocated for child protection purposes.

[3] In view of the above, the National Assembly adopts the following Act:

1. Amendment to Act II of 2012 on infractions, infraction procedure and the infraction records system

Section 1 In Act II of 2012 on infractions, infraction procedure and the infraction records system, the following paragraph (5) shall be added to section 56:

"(5) To identify a person suspected of having committed an infraction, if the perpetrator is unknown, the court, the infraction authority and the organ conducting preparatory proceeding may make use of the facial image analysis activities of the organ performing facial image analysis activities in accordance with the Act on the facial image analysis register and the facial image analysis system."

Section 2 In Act II of 2012 on infractions, infraction procedure and the infraction records system, section 141 (17) shall be replaced by the following:

"(17)) Should the perpetrator fail to pay a fine or spot fine within thirty days from the decision becoming final and binding, the fine or spot fine shall be collected as taxes, provided that conversion to confinement is not permitted and it was not satisfied by performing community service, or this Act excludes satisfaction by performing community service."

Section 3 (1) In Act II of 2012 on infractions, infraction procedure and the infraction records system, the following point b) shall be added to section 189 (1):

(A person who)

"b) circumventing the Act on the right of assembly, organises or holds, as organiser or leader, an assembly which is prohibited under section 13/A (1) of Act LV of 2018 on the right of assembly, and a person who attends such an assembly on the basis of an announcement and participates in it despite explicit information concerning the prohibition on it provided by the police at the place of the assembly,"

(commits an infraction.)

(2) In Act II of 2012 on infractions, infraction procedure and the infraction records system, the following paragraphs (5) and (6) shall be added to section 189:

"(5) No spot fine or fine imposed for an infraction specified in this section shall be

a) satisfied by performing community service, and

b) converted to infraction confinement.

(6) The State shall allocate any fine and spot fine paid or collected in connection with an infraction referred to in paragraph (1) b) for child protection purposes."

Section 4 In Act II of 2012 on infractions, infraction procedure and the infraction records system, section 117 (9) shall be repealed.

2. Amendment to Act CLXXXVIII of 2015 on the facial image analysis register and the facial image analysis system

Section 5 In Act CLXXXVIII of 2015 on the facial image analysis register and the facial image analysis system, section 3 (3) w) shall be replaced by the following:

(The facial image profile register shall be maintained for the following purposes:)

"w) to prevent, avert, detect infractions, to interrupt the act, and to establish the liability of perpetrators."

Section 6 In Act CLXXXVIII of 2015 on the facial image analysis register and the facial image analysis system, section 9 (18) shall be replaced by the following:

"(18) For the purpose defined in section 3 (3) w), using the facial image available to, or recorded by, it, the court, the infraction authority and the organ conducting preparatory proceeding may, in its proceedings for infraction, make use of the facial image analysis activities of the organ performing facial image analysis activities to establish or verify the identity of the person who committed the infraction in its proceedings for infraction."

Section 7 In Act CLXXXVIII of 2015 on the facial image analysis register and the facial image analysis system, in the title of Subtitle 9/A the words "that may be punished by also infraction confinement" shall be deleted.

3. Amendment to Act LV of 2018 on the right of assembly

Section 8 In Act LV of 2018 on the right of assembly, the following section 13/A shall be added:

"Section 13/A [Protection of the right of children to the protection and care necessary for their proper physical, mental and moral development]

(1) It shall be forbidden to hold an assembly that is in violation of a prohibition specified in section 6/A of Act XXXI of 1997 on the protection of children and guardianship administration (hereinafter the "Child Protection Act") or presents the core element of a prohibited content defined in section 6/A of the Child Protection Act.

(2) The assembly authority may prohibit the holding of the assembly if, according to the information available after the consultation, there are valid grounds to assume that the notification relates to the holding of an assembly that is forbidden under paragraph (1)."

Section 9 (1) In Act LV of 2018 on the right of assembly, the following section 23/A shall be added:

"Section 23/A Section 10 (1) as introduced by Act III of 2025 amending Act LV of 2018 on the right of assembly with regard to the protection of children, and amending related Acts (hereinafter the "Amending Act") shall also apply to notifications and legal remedy proceedings pending at the time of entry into force of the Amending Act."

(2) In Act LV of 2018 on the right of assembly, the following section 23/B shall be added:

"Section 23/B Section 13/A as introduced by the Amending Act shall also apply to notifications and legal remedy proceedings pending on 15 April 2025."

Section 10 In Act LV of 2018 on the right of assembly, \square

a) in section 10 (1) the words "three months" shall be replaced by "one month",

b) in section 18 (1) c) the words "noted, regarding the place, route, time or duration of the assembly," shall be replaced by "noted".

4. Final provisions

Section 11 (1) With the exceptions specified in paragraph (2), this Act shall enter into force on the day following that of its promulgation.

(2) Sections 1 to 8, section 9 (2) and section 10 b) shall enter into force on 15 April 2025.