



NEWS REPORT

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Title: Prohibition of the burka in the Land Hessen
Country: Germany
Context
Issue at stake: Wearing the burka in the public sector
Ground of discrimination: Religion / belief
Source: Governmental act
Field: Employment in the public service
Legislative provisions:

Content

Case/law/political development: The Government of the Land Hessen has adopted an act prohibiting the wearing of the burka in the public service. The case arose after a civil servant announced she would return work (after a leave) wearing a burka. The Land law on public service in Hessen provides for the prohibition of the wearing of symbols that violate the neutrality of the State.

The decision had found support with the opposition in Hessen and the Central Council of Muslims in Germany.

Internet link source and additional information:

http://www.hmdi.hessen.de/irj/HMdl_Internet?rid=HMdl_15/HMdl_Internet/nav/55b/55b309a2-f163-a401-e76c-d1505eb31b65,98930f95-0544-ed21-f012-f31e2389e481,,11111111-2222-3333-4444-10000005004%26_ic_uCon_zentral=98930f95-0544-ed21-f012-f31e2389e481%26overview=true.htm&uid=55b309a2-f163-a401-e76c-d1505eb31b65