



NEWS REPORT

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Title: A group of Lithuanian Members of Parliament urges the General Prosecution Service, inquiring to enforce the Law on the Protection of Minors and to defend public interest against the foreseen Pride event
Country: Lithuania
Context
Issue at stake: Request for enforcing the law regarding protection of minors in the context of a LGTB Pride event
Ground of discrimination: sexual orientation
Source: miscellaneous
Field: other
Legislative provisions: The Law on the Protection of Minors against the Detrimental Effect of Public Information, as last amended on 22nd of December, 2009 – No XI – 594. Available in English at:
http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=363137

Content

On 10 March 2010, 52 members of the Parliament (out of 141) signed an inquiry, addressed to the General Prosecution Service, asking to defend public interest and enforce the Law on the Protection of Minors against the Detrimental Effect of Public Information, which came into force on 1 March 2010. The deputies claim that the decision¹ of the Vilnius city municipality allowing the LGBT pride event to take place in May goes against the Family Conception, adopted by the Parliament on 3 June 2008, and that it breaches the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania and breaches provisions of the Law on Protection of Minors. The members of the Parliament ask the General Prosecution Service to interfere and challenge the decision of the

¹ Order No. 40-55 of January 25, 2010, issued by the Director of Vilnius City Municipality Administration, available in Lithuanian at: <http://www.vilnius.lt/vaktai/Default.aspx?Id=3&DocId=30180188>;

Vilnius city Municipality allowing the LGBT Pride event on 8 May 2010 before the court to protect public interest.

The members of the Parliament are asking the General Prosecution Service to enforce vague provisions of the Law on the Protection of Minors against the Detrimental Effect of Public Information. Article 4 of the law states that the following information (*inter alia*) is detrimental to minors:

“15) which promotes sexual relations;

16) which expresses contempt for family values, encourages the concept of entry into a marriage and creation of a family other than that stipulated in the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania and the Civil Code of the Republic of Lithuania;”²

Internet link source and additional information:

<http://www.alfa.lt/straipsnis/10320327/?>

[Kreipimasi.i.prokurorus.del.geju.eityniu.palaiko.50.Seimo.nariu..papildyta.=2010-03-10_11-34](http://kreipimasi.i.prokurorus.del.geju.eityniu.palaiko.50.seimo.nariu.papildyta.=2010-03-10_11-34)

² Article 38 of the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania provides that “Marriage shall be concluded upon the free mutual consent of man and woman.”