

The Civil Union (Amending) Law of 2020 issued by publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus in accordance with Section 52 of the Constitution.

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LAW AMENDING THE CIVIL UNION LAW OF 2015

The House of Representatives votes as follows:

Short title
184(I) of 2015.

1. This Law shall be referred to as the Civil Union (Amending) Law of 2020 and shall be read along with the Civil Union Law of 2015 (which shall be hereinafter referred to as "the basic law") and the basic law and this Law shall be jointly referred to as the Civil Union Laws of 2015 and 2020.

Amendment
of section 6
of the basic
law

2. Section 6 of the basic law is amended as follows:

(a) By amending paragraph (1) thereof as follows:

(i) By adding, immediately after subparagraph (a) thereof, the following new subparagraph (a1):

"(A1) a valid visa or residence permit for the Republic"; and

(ii) by amending paragraph (c) thereof as follows:

(aa) By adding in the beginning thereof, before the words "a duly certified original" (first line), the following phrase:

"Subject to the provisions of section 21C of the
6(I) of 2000 Refugees Law,";
6(I) of 2002
53(I) of 2003
67(I) of 2003
9(I) of 2004
241(I) of 2004
154(I) of 2005
112(I) of 2007
122(I) of 2009
9(I) of 2013
58(I) of 2014
59(I) of 2014
105(I) of 2016
106(I) of 2016
80(I) of 2018
116(I) of 2019.

(bb) By adding thereto, immediately after the words "Civil Union" (fourth line), the phrase "and an official certificate or attestation of single status, issued by the competent authorities of the Republic, within a maximum period of three (3) months before submitting the Form"; and

(cc) By deleting such proviso and by replacing the colon at the end of the remaining text thereof with a period; and

(b) by adding, immediately after paragraph (1) thereof, the following new paragraphs:

"(1A) Regardless of the provisions of paragraph (1)(c), citizens of an EU Member State other than the Republic who intend to enter into a Civil Union between them and third country citizens who come to the Republic as tourists to contract a Civil Union

between them are exempted from the obligation to present an official certificate or attestation of single status issued by the competent authorities of the Republic.

(1B) For the purpose of issuing a certificate or an attestation of single status, the competent authorities of the Republic duly verify the authenticity of the official certificates or attestations presented by the persons who intend to contract a Civil Union, in accordance with the provisions of this section:

The competent authorities of the Republic may, for the purposes of verifying the authenticity of the intended Civil Union, carry out a personal interview and investigation with each of the persons intending to contract a Civil Union.”.

Amendment of section 7 of the basic law

3. Section 7 of the basic law is amended by adding, immediately after paragraph (2) thereof, the following new paragraph:

“(3) Subject to the provisions of the Refugees Law, if the parties or one thereof is a citizen of a country which has an embassy or a consulate in the Republic, the Registrar sends a certified (by him/her) copy of the Certificate of Civil Union to the embassy or the consulate of such country.”.

Deletion of section 14 of the basic law.

4. Section 14 of the basic law is deleted.

Amendment of section 46 of the basic law

5. Paragraph (1) of section 46 of the basic law is amended as follows:

- (a) By adding, immediately after the word “statements” (second line), the words “, certificates or attestations”;
- (b) By replacing the words “false or inaccurate” (third line), with the words “false, inaccurate or falsified”; and
- (c) By replacing the phrase “five (5)” (fifth line), with the phrase “seven (7)”.

Replacement of the Second Schedule of the basic law

6. The basic law is amended by replacing the Second Schedule thereof with the following schedule:

SECOND SCHEDULE
(Section 6) [bilingual
text follows in Greek
and English]

ΔΗΛΩΣΗ ΣΥΜΒΙΩΝ ΣΕ ΠΟΛΙΤΙΚΗ ΣΥΜΒΙΩΣΗ
STATEMENT OF THE CIVIL PARTNERS OF A CIVIL UNION

«Γνωρίζουμε εμείς, ο/η..... και ο/ηπως με τη δήλωσή μας που γίνεται στην παρουσία του Ληξίαρχου και στην παρουσία των προσώπων που βρίσκονται εδώ ως μάρτυρες και με την επιβεβαίωση του γεγονότος αυτού με την υπογραφή μας, δεσμευόμαστε σε συμβίωση και ταυτίζουμε τις τύχες μας, αναλαμβάνοντας την υποχρέωση να φροντίζουμε, να στηρίζουμε και να συμπαραστεκόμαστε ο ένας στον άλλο.»

“We,..... and, are aware that, with our statement made in the Registrar’s presence and in the presence of the persons who are here as witnesses and along with the confirmation of this fact with our signature, we undertake the commitment to cohabitate and match up our fortunes, undertaking to care, support and stand by each other.”».