

LAW
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

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ON STATE AWARDS AND HONORARY TITLES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Subject matter of the Law

1. This Law shall define the state awards and honorary titles, the types thereof, as well as shall regulate the procedures and conditions for establishing and awarding state awards and conferring honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia and the relations connected with the rules of holding state awards.

Article 2. Legislation of the Republic of Armenia on the state awards and honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia

1. The relations connected with state awards and honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia shall be regulated by the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia, this Law and the Decree of the President of the Republic of Armenia.

Article 3. State awards of the Republic of Armenia

1. The state awards of the Republic of Armenia for remarkable contributions to the spheres of nation-building, economy, science, education, culture and arts, to the sectors of healthcare and development of sport, to the strengthening of legitimacy, to the

assurance of homeland defence and state security, for charity works, as well as for other outstanding services, shall be the highest form of promotion.

2. The highest title of the Republic of Armenia, the orders of the Republic of Armenia and the medals of the Republic of Armenia shall be the state awards of the Republic of Armenia.

3. The highest title of the Republic of Armenia shall be the title of "National Hero of Armenia".

4. The orders of the Republic of Armenia shall be Hayreniki shkanshan (the Order of the Homeland), Parki shkanshan (the Order of Glory), Tigran Metsi shkanshan (the Order of Tigran the Great), Martakan khach shkanshan (the Order of the Combat Cross), Surb Vardan Mamikonyani shkanshan (the Order of Saint Vardan Mamikonyan), Surb Mesrop Mashtotsi shkanshan (the Order of Saint Mesrop Mashtots), Patvo shkanshan (the Order of Honour), Hayrenikin matutsats tsarayutyunneri hamar shkanshan (the Order "For Services Provided to the Homeland") and Barekamutyun shkanshan (the Order of Friendship).

5. The medals of the Republic of Armenia shall be Ariutyun medal (the Medal for Courage), the Hayrenikin matutsats tsarayutyunneri hamar (the Medal "For Services Provided to the Homeland"), Martakan tsarayutyun medal (the Medal for Combat Service), Mkhitar Goshi medal (the Medal of Mkhitar Gosh), Mkhitar Heratsu medal (the Medal of Mkhitar Heratsi), Anania Shirakatsu medal (the Medal of Anania Shirakatsi), Movses Khorenatsu medal (the Medal of Movses Khorenatsi), "Hasarakakan kargi gerazanc pahpanman hamar medal" (the Medal "For Excellent Maintenance of Social Order"), Erakhtagitutyun medal (the Medal of Gratitude), Ashkhatankayin vastaki hamar medal (the Medal "For Merit in Labour")and Tsnoghakan parki medal (the Medal of Glory of a Parent).

Article 4. Honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia

1. Honorary titles shall be established for outstanding achievements and exceptional merit in the development of fields of science, education, the arts, culture, healthcare, economy, architecture, law, journalism, physical culture and sport.

2. The honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia shall be the honorary titles of People's Artist of the Republic of Armenia, People's Painter of the Republic of Armenia, Merited Scientist of the Republic of Armenia, Merited Architect of the Republic of Armenia, Merited Doctor of the Republic of Armenia, Merited Lawyer of the Republic of Armenia, Merited Artist of the Republic of Armenia, Merited Painter of the Republic of Armenia, Merited Arts Worker of the Republic of Armenia, Merited Culture Worker of the Republic of Armenia, Merited Educator of the Republic of Armenia, Merited Journalist of the Republic of Armenia, Merited Economy Worker of the Republic of Armenia, Merited Physical Culture and Sports Worker of the Republic of Armenia and Merited Trainer of the Republic of Armenia, as well as the honorary title of Merited Collective of the Republic of Armenia.

Article 5. Awarding state awards, conferring honorary titles, submitting motions for awarding state awards and conferring honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia

1. The President of the Republic of Armenia shall award state awards and confer honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia by promulgating decrees.

2. The President of the Republic of Armenia shall also award state awards and confer honorary titles on the basis of motions drawn up by officials in relation to awarding state awards and conferring honorary titles.

3. The requirements for submitting motions to award state awards and confer honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia and the procedure of submitting a motion, the list of officials with the competence for submitting a motion to award state awards and confer

honorary titles, as well as the state prizes and the procedure of granting thereof, shall be approved by the President of the Republic of Armenia.

4. The awarding of a state award of the Republic of Armenia shall be determined in accordance with the nature and importance of the services provided by the person to be awarded. The type and appropriateness of the state award shall be determined by the President of the Republic of Armenia, regardless of the type of state award referred to in the motion.

5. The same person shall not be awarded the same state award, as well as at the same degree of the same state award more than once.

6. The awarding of state awards of the Republic of Armenia shall also be conducted posthumously.

Article 6. Persons and authorities having been awarded state awards and having received honorary titles

1. The highest title of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to citizens of the Republic of Armenia and persons not holding citizenship of the Republic of Armenia.

2. In cases provided for by this Law the orders and medals of the Republic of Armenia shall be awarded to citizens of the Republic of Armenia, persons not holding citizenship of the Republic of Armenia, representatives of the fields of economy, science, education, healthcare, culture and sport and other groups and collectives, the military units of the armed forces and other troops of the Republic of Armenia, as well as those of allies or partnering states.

3. The President of the Republic of Armenia may not be awarded a state award of the Republic of Armenia during his or her term in office.

4. The honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to prominent figures and collectives of the Republic of Armenia in the fields of science, education, economy, arts, culture, architecture, law, healthcare, journalism, physical culture and sport.

CHAPTER 2

HIGHEST TITLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Article 7. Highest title of "National Hero of Armenia"

1. The highest title of "National Hero of Armenia" shall be conferred for exceptional services of national importance provided to the Republic of Armenia in the fields of defence and strengthening of the legal system of the country, as well as for the creation of significant national values.

2. The highest title of "National Hero of Armenia" shall be conferred to persons referred to in part 1 of Article 6 of this Law.

CHAPTER 3

ORDERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Article 8. Order of the Homeland

1. The Order of the Homeland shall be granted to persons having received the highest title of "National Hero of Armenia".

Article 9. Order of Glory

1. The Order of Glory shall be conferred for remarkable contributions to the strengthening and development of interstate relations, peace and international security, the protection of human rights and fundamental liberties, as well as for activities promoting the development of economic relations and activities aimed at preserving spiritual and cultural values.

2. The Order of Glory shall be awarded to the heads of foreign states and governments, the leaders of international organisations and spiritual leaders (religious figures).

Article 10. Order of Tigran the Great

1. The Order of Tigran the Great shall be conferred for exceptional services provided to the Republic of Armenia.

2. The Order of Tigran the Great shall be awarded to state figures of the Republic of Armenia, to the military servicemen of the highest command staff of the armed forces and other troops, as well as to the military units of armed forces and other troops of the Republic of Armenia and of allies or partnering states.

Article 11. Order of the Combat Cross

1. The Order of the Combat Cross shall be conferred for exceptional courage, self-sacrifice and skills shown while ensuring the defence and security of the homeland.

2. The Order of the Combat Cross shall have the following two degrees:

(1) the Order of the Combat Cross of the 1st degree;

(2) the Order of the Combat Cross of the 2nd degree.

3. The 1st degree is the highest degree of the Order of the Combat Cross.

4. The Order of the Combat Cross of the 1st degree shall be awarded to:

(1) military servicemen of the armed forces and other forces of the Republic of Armenia for showing exceptional courage and bravery in defending the homeland, other persons, as well as to the military units of the armed forces and other troops of the Republic of Armenia and of allies or partnering states for remarkable contributions to defence;

(2) military servicemen of the armed forces and other forces of the Republic of Armenia, as well as to the military units of the armed forces and other troops of the Republic of

Armenia and of allies or partnering states for remarkable achievements made during military operations.

5. The Order of the Combat Cross of the 2nd degree shall be awarded to:

(1) military servicemen of the armed forces and other forces of the Republic of Armenia, as well as to the military units of the armed forces and other troops of the Republic of Armenia and of allies or partnering states for skilfully performing combat operations;

(2) employees of the authorised state bodies of emergency situations, the police and national security of the Republic of Armenia, the penitentiaries and judicial acts compulsory enforcement service of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, other persons, as well as to the military units of the armed forces and other troops of the Republic of Armenia and of allies or partnering states for courage.

Article 12. Order of Saint Vardan Mamikonyan

1. The Order of Saint Vardan Mamikonyan shall be conferred for exceptional courage shown while fulfilling the military duty for the homeland, as well as for outstanding services provided in ensuring the development of the army and the combat readiness of forces.

2. The Order of Saint Vardan Mamikonyan shall be awarded to the military servicemen of the staff of highest and senior officers of the armed forces and other forces of the Republic of Armenia, as well as to the military units of the armed forces and other forces of the Republic of Armenia and of allies and partnering states.

Article 13. Order of Saint Mesrop Mashtots

1. The Order of Saint Mesrop Mashtots shall be conferred for outstanding achievements in the areas of science, inventions, education, healthcare, culture and community service in the Republic of Armenia, as well as for activities promoting the development of co-operation with foreign countries in science, technology, economy and culture.

2. The Order of Saint Mesrop Mashtots shall be awarded to public figures and collectives in the fields of science, economy, education, healthcare and culture.

Article 14. Order of Honour

1. The Order of Honour shall be conferred for providing special services to the protection of state and national interests and to the establishment of independence and democracy in the Republic of Armenia, for establishing, strengthening and developing friendship with the Republic of Armenia, as well as for making remarkable contributions to the reinforcement of peace between nations.

2. The Order of Honour shall be conferred to state, political, economic, cultural and public figures, diplomatic representatives, spiritual leaders (religious figures), benefactors, as well as collectives in the fields of science, economy, education, healthcare and culture.

Article 15. Order "For Services Provided to the Homeland"

1. The Order "For Services Provided to the Homeland" shall be conferred for remarkable achievements and for other outstanding services provided in the spheres of state, public and political activities, economy, homeland defence, national security, as well as in the humanitarian spheres.

2. The Order "For Services Provided to the Homeland" shall be have the following two degrees:

(1) the Order "For Services Provided to the Homeland" of the 1st degree;

(2) the Order "For Services Provided to the Homeland" of the 2nd degree.

3. The 1st degree is the highest degree of the Order "For Services Provided to the Homeland".

4. The Order "For Services Provided to the Homeland" of the 1st degree shall be awarded to the military servicemen of the armed forces and other forces of the Republic of Armenia, servants of state and local self-government bodies and the officials thereof, as well as to citizens of the Republic of Armenia and persons of Armenian descent not holding citizenship of the Republic of Armenia.

5. The Order "For Services Provided to the Homeland" of the 2nd degree shall be awarded to the servants referred to in the part 4 of this Article and to persons for other remarkable services provided to the homeland.

Article 16. Order of Friendship

1. The Order of Friendship shall be conferred for remarkable services for the strengthening and development of political, economic, scientific and educational cooperation and mutual understanding of cultures and religions between nations, as well as friendly relations.

2. The Order of Friendship shall be awarded to citizens of the Republic of Armenia and foreign nationals, as well as political, economic, public and religious figures.

CHAPTER 4

MEDALS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Article 17. Medal for Courage

1. The Medal for Courage shall be conferred for courage shown in homeland defence, maintenance of social order, national security, penitentiaries and compulsory enforcement of judicial acts and in rescue efforts, as well as for performing official or civil duties under conditions hazardous for life.

2. The Medal for Courage shall be awarded to the military servicemen of the armed forces and other forces of the Republic of Armenia, authorised bodies of public administration in the fields of emergency situations, the police, national security, customs and taxation of the Republic of Armenia, employees of the penitentiaries and the judicial acts compulsory enforcement service of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, as well as other persons.

Article 18. Medal "For Services Provided to the Homeland"

1. The Medal "For Services Provided to the Homeland" shall be conferred for remarkable services provided to the homeland.

2. The Medal "For Services Provided to the Homeland" shall have the following two degrees:

(1) the Medal "For Services Provided to the Homeland" of the 1st degree;

(2) the Medal "For Services Provided to the Homeland" of the 2nd degree.

3. The 1st degree is the highest degree of the Medal "For Services Provided to the Homeland".

4. The Medal "For Services Provided to the Homeland" of the 1st degree shall be awarded to the military servicemen of the armed forces and other forces of the Republic of Armenia, servants of other state bodies, as well as citizens of the Republic of Armenia and persons of Armenian descent not holding citizenship of the Republic of Armenia.

5. The Medal "For Services Provided to the Homeland" of the 2nd degree shall be awarded to the servants referred to in part 4 of this Article and to persons for other remarkable services provided to the homeland.

Article 19. Medal for Combat Service

1. The Medal for Combat Service shall be conferred for skilful, enterprising and daring actions contributing to the performance of combat operations, ensuring the combat readiness of forces and services provided while defending the borders of the state.

2. The Medal for Combat Service shall be awarded to the military servicemen of the armed forces and other forces of the Republic of Armenia, the officials of the police, authorised state bodies of national security and emergency situations, as well as to other persons.

Article 20. Medal of Mkhitar Gosh

1. The Medal of Mkhitar Gosh shall be conferred for outstanding state, social and political activities, as well as for remarkable services in the fields of diplomacy, law and political science.

2. The Medal of Mkhitar Gosh shall be awarded to state, public and political figures, academics, diplomats and lawyers.

Article 21. Medal of Mkhitar Heratsi

1. The Medal of Mkhitar Heratsi shall be conferred for services provided for the development of healthcare and medical science in the Republic of Armenia, high level of professionalism, practical work, as well as for remarkable charity activities.

2. The Medal of Mkhitar Heratsi shall be awarded to civil and military doctors, nurses, paramedics, pharmacologists, pharmacists, other persons having carried out remarkable activities in the field of medical science, as well as to benefactors.

Article 22. Medal of Anania Shirakatsi

1. The Medal of Anania Shirakatsi shall be conferred for remarkable activities, inventions and discoveries in the fields of economy, engineering, architecture, science and technology.

2. The Medal of Anania Shirakatsi shall be awarded to scientists, architects, engineers, inventors and builders.

Article 23. Medal of Movses Khorenatsi

1. The Medal of Movses Khorenatsi shall be conferred for outstanding achievements in the fields of culture, arts, literature, education, social sciences and sport.

2. The Medal of Movses Khorenatsi shall be awarded to figures in the fields of culture, arts, science, education and sport and to religious figures.

Article 24. Medal "For Excellent Maintenance of Social Order"

1. The Medal "For Excellent Maintenance of Social Order" shall be conferred for the act of bravery or self-sacrifice for the strengthening of the legal system, the maintenance of social order or in the fight against crimes, as well as for courage when performing official or civil duties or for excellent performance of special assignments.

2. The Medal "For Excellent Maintenance of Social Order" shall be awarded to:

(1) officers of the Police of the Republic of Armenia adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia, military servicemen of the police forces and civil officers of the Police;

(2) officers of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Armenia, the National Security Service adjunct to the Government of the Republic of Armenia, the penitentiaries and Judicial Acts Compulsory Enforcement Service of the Ministry of Justice or other bodies of public administration;

(3) other citizens of the Republic of Armenia, persons not holding citizenship of the Republic of Armenia.

Article 25. Medal of Gratitude

1. The Medal of Gratitude shall be conferred for great contributions to the state, economy, society, science, technology and the community, to the development of the fields of healthcare, education and culture, as well as for long-standing merit and fruitful efforts.

2. The Medal of Gratitude shall be awarded to state and public figures, as well as to figures in the fields of economy, education, science, culture and other fields.

Article 26. Medal "For Merit in Labour"

1. The Medal "For Merit in Labour" shall be conferred for remarkable achievements in industry, agriculture, construction, transport, environmental protection and other sectors of labour, as well as for many years of devoted and productive efforts.

2. The Medal "For Merit in Labour" shall be awarded to figures in the fields of industry, agriculture, construction, transport, environmental protection and other fields.

Article 27. Medal of Parental Glory

1. The Medal of Parental Glory shall be conferred to the parent(s), adopter(s) holding citizenship of the Republic of Armenia who have raised and raise 6 or more children.

2. The Medal of Parental Glory shall be awarded to the parents (adopters) who start a family, have a healthy lifestyle, ensure necessary conditions for the full and harmonious development of their children's health, education, as well as physical, spiritual and moral development and set an example for the upbringing of children and the strengthening of the family.

3. Biological parents may be presented for the Medal of Parental Glory, if the 6th child has attained the age of three.
4. Adopters may be presented for the Medal of Parental Glory in case of proper upbringing of an adopted child (children) for at least 5 years.
5. When presenting a parent or adopter for the Medal of Parental Glory, children having died or missing while defending the homeland or protecting the national interests of the Republic of Armenia, performing the military, official, labour or civil duty or have died from an injury or illness acquired in the mentioned conditions, shall be taken into consideration.

CHAPTER 5

HONORARY TITLES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Article 28. Honorary Title of People's Artist of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Title of People's Artist of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to actors and directors in theatre and cinema, to artists of the philharmonic, to pop and circus artists, to composers, conductors, ballet masters and concertmasters, to the artistic directors of bands, choirs, dance and other collectives, to musician-performers for their mastery, as well as for their substantial merit in creating highly artistic characters on stage and composing music, performances and films and in the development of the arts.

Article 29. Honorary Title of People's Painter of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Title of People's Painter of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to prominent figures of fine arts for the development of painting, sculpting, graphic arts,

design, decorations for theatres and decorative-applied arts, as well as for creating highly valuable works of art, being internationally recognised and for their substantial merit.

Article 30. Honorary Title of Merited Scientist of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Title of Merited Scientist of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to scientists and scientific workers for valuable scientific activities, especially for important scientific discoveries and inventions and for great merit in the development of the fields of science and education.

Article 31. Honorary Title of Merited Architect of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Title of Merited Architect of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to architects with great merit in the field of architecture for their creativity in the development of architecture and urban development, for creating architectural complexes, buildings and edifices having gained national recognition, as well as for their great merit in the training of architects.

Article 32. Honorary Title of Merited Doctor of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Title of Merited Doctor of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to doctors having worked in the field of healthcare for at least 15 years, having high level of professional capabilities and successes and having shown devotion, for their achievements and great merit in the fields of healthcare and in the provision of medical assistance and medical services to the population.

Article 33. Honorary Title of Merited Lawyer of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Title of Merited Lawyer of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to lawyers having worked in the field of law for at least 15 years, for their great merit in the

development of law and jurisprudence, the strengthening of legitimacy and the legal system, as well as in the formation of a legal state and the perfection of the legislation.

Article 34. Honorary Title of Merited Artist of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Title of Merited Artist of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to actors and directors in theatre and cinema, to artists of the philharmonic, to pop and circus artists, to composers, conductors, concertmasters and ballet masters, to the artistic directors of bands, choirs, dance and other ensembles, to other creators and to musician-performers for their mastery, as well as for their high level of mastery and for their great merit in the development of the arts.

Article 35. Honorary Title of Merited Painter of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Title of Merited Painter of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to figures in fine arts, figures in the fields of painting, sculpting, graphic arts, design, theatre decoration and decorative-applied arts and the masters of arts and crafts for creating highly valuable works of art and for great merit in the development of the arts.

Article 36. Honorary Title of Merited Artistic Figure of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Title of Merited Artistic Figure of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to composers, conductors, the artistic directors of bands, choirs, dance and other ensembles, directors and other artistic figures for mastery in the given field, for creating valuable works in the field of arts and for great merit in the upbringing of the generation of creators.

Article 37. Honorary Title of Merited Cultural Figure of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Title of Merited Cultural Figure of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to artists of theatre, cinema and the circus, directors, the artistic directors of choirs, bands, dance and other ensembles, stage directors, choirmasters, concertmasters, musician-performers, journalists, prominent writers with merit in the development of literature and culture, those working in the fields of cinematography, radio and television, the press, publishing houses, museums, libraries and other cultural workers for their valuable creations, high mastery, as well as for their great merit in the development of culture.

Article 38. Honorary Title of Merited Educator of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Title of Merited Educator of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to teachers, educators, professors and employees having worked at pre-schools, institutions of supplementary education, general education, secondary vocational, higher and post-graduate professional education and educational institutions for remarkable successes and outstanding merit in educating and upbringing the young generation.

Article 39. Honorary Title of Merited Journalist of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Title of Merited Journalist of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to journalists, publicists and other editors with many years of work experience and masters in the press, radio and television, having stood out for their high level of mastery, for great merit in the development of the sphere.

Article 40. Honorary Title of Merited Economic Worker of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Title of Merited Economic Worker of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to highly-qualified workers having at least 15 years of work experience in the fields of industry, construction, transport and communication, agriculture, environmental

protection and energy for their productive economic activities and great merit in the training and upbringing of specialists.

Article 41. Honorary Titles of Merited Physical Culture and Sports Worker and Merited Trainer of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Titles of Merited Physical Culture and Sports Worker and Merited Trainer of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to figures, workers, trainers and athletes in the field of physical culture and sports for promoting the development of sports in the country, contributing to the successes and achievements of athletes at international competitions and Olympiads, training high-class athletes, performing outstanding scientific, pedagogical, methodical and organisational activities in the field of physical culture and sports and for merit in the development of child and youth sports and in organising therapeutic exercises.

Article 42. Honorary Title of Merited Ensemble of the Republic of Armenia

1. The Honorary Title of Merited Ensemble of the Republic of Armenia shall be conferred to bands, choirs, dance and other ensembles for their great merit in the development of science, education and culture.

CHAPTER 6

PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING STATE AWARDS AND HONORARY TITLES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA, APPROVAL OF THE DESCRIPTIONS AND INDICATIONS THEREOF, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PERSONS HAVING BEEN AWARDED STATE AWARDS OR HAVING RECEIVED HONORARY TITLES, BAN ON ILLEGAL ACTS TOWARDS THE STATE AWARDS AND HONORARY TITLES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Article 43. Procedure for granting the state awards and honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia, approval of the descriptions and indications thereof

1. The state awards and honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia shall be granted by the President of the Republic of Armenia or his or her authorised person.
2. Military servicemen shall be granted the state awards of the Republic of Armenia at the military unit or at another place of service.
3. Besides the state award of the Republic of Armenia, the recipient of the state award shall also be granted a corresponding ribbon bar and certificate, and persons having been conferred honorary titles—a brevet, a lapel pin and a certificate.
4. The descriptions and indications on state awards, the samples of the certificates thereof, the descriptions and samples of the laths of the state awards, as well as the descriptions and indications on the brevets and lapel pins of honorary titles shall be approved by the President of the Republic of Armenia.
5. Public administration and local self-government bodies, officials and physical persons, creative unions, scientific organisations, social and other organisations may not set medals, and the samples of their medals or lapel pins must not be confusingly similar to the orders, medals and lapel pins of honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia.

6. The name of the corresponding body or organisation shall be indicated in the names of medals set by the bodies and organisations referred to in part 5 of this Article.

7. In case of posthumously granting of an award, the state award of the Republic of Armenia shall be granted to the family of the recipient of the award along with the ribbon bars and certificate.

Article 44. Procedure for bearing state awards of the Republic of Armenia

1. State awards shall be borne on the right or left side of the chest, except for the Order of Glory and the Order of Honour.

2. The Order of the Homeland, the Order of the Combat Cross, the Order of Saint Mesrop Mashtots, the Medal for Courage, the Medal "For Services Provided to the Homeland", the Medal for Combat Service, the Medal "For Excellent Maintenance of Social Order", the Medal of Gratitude, the Medal "For Merit in Labour" and the Medal of Parental Glory shall be borne on the left side of the chest, according to sequence. The Medal of Mkhitar Gosh, the Medal of Mkhitar Heratsi, the Medal of Anania Shirakatsi and the Movses Khorenatsi shall be borne on the left side of the chest, according to sequence, after the Medal for Combat Service.

3. The Order of Tigran the Great, the Order of Saint Vardan Mamikonyan, the Order "For Services Provided to the Homeland" and the Order of Friendship shall be borne on the right side of the chest, according to sequence.

4. The Order of Glory shall be borne on a ribbon stretching from the right shoulder to the left side of the waist.

5. The Order of Honour shall be borne as a pendant on the collar.

6. The orders and medals referred to in part 4 of this Article shall be borne from right to left, and the orders referred to in part 5-from left to right, according to sequence.

Article 45. Rights and responsibilities of persons having been awarded state awards and having received honorary titles

1. Persons having received state awards and honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia shall have the right to bear orders, medals or lapel pins and shall benefit from privileges in the manner and in cases defined by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.
2. The family of a deceased person having received the highest title of "National Hero of Armenia" or having been awarded the Order of the Combat Cross shall benefit from the privileges defined by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.
3. An annual honorarium shall be granted for the honorary title of "People's" of the Republic of Armenia, the procedure and amount of which shall be defined by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.
4. Persons having been awarded state awards or having received honorary titles shall be obliged to maintain with care the orders, medals or lapel pins of the Republic of Armenia.
5. Persons having been awarded state awards or having received honorary titles may be deprived of the state award or honorary title of the Republic of Armenia only through judicial procedure.
6. In case of death of a person having been awarded a state award or having received an honorary title the inheritors may keep the orders, medals or lapel pins and the certificates thereof as a memory or, upon their consent, hand them over to museums.
7. Orders, medals or lapel pins shall be handed over to museums with the knowledge of the Staff of the President of the Republic of Armenia. Museums shall create appropriate conditions for maintaining the orders, medals and lapel pins of the Republic of Armenia and the USSR.
8. Where the person having been awarded a state award or having received an honorary title does not have inheritors, the orders, medals or lapel pins and the certificates thereof

shall, upon his or her death, be returned to the Staff of the President of the Republic of Armenia.

9. In case of loss of the orders, medals or lapel pins of the Republic of Armenia and the certificates thereof the persons having been awarded state awards and having received honorary titles shall retain their rights.

10. In case of loss of the orders, medals and lapel pins of the Republic of Armenia and the duplicates thereof, the duplicates shall not be granted, except for cases provided for by part 11 of this Article.

11. The duplicates of the orders, medals and lapel pins of the Republic of Armenia shall be granted when they have been lost or have been eliminated in conditions of combat, as a result of emergency situation or due to other circumstances, where it was impossible to take necessary measures to maintain the orders, medals or lapel pins.

12. In case of loss or elimination of orders, medals, lapel pins and the certificates thereof in conditions provided for by part 11 of this Article an application for receiving the duplicates thereof shall be submitted to the authority having submitted a motion to award or confer the order, medal or lapel pin, and where the order, medal or lapel pin has been awarded or conferred without a motion — to the Staff of the President of the Republic of Armenia.

13. The authority having submitted a motion shall, within a period of five days after examining the application regarding the loss of an order, medal and lapel pin, submit the corresponding documents and the reference to the Staff of the President of the Republic of Armenia.

14. The chief of staff of the President of the Republic of Armenia shall hand the duplicates of lost orders, medals, lapel pins and the certificates thereof over to the persons having been awarded state awards and having received honorary titles.

15. When leaving the Republic of Armenia, citizens of the Republic of Armenia, foreign nationals and stateless persons having been awarded state awards or having received

honorary titles shall be entitled to take with them the orders, medals and lapel pins of the Republic of Armenia, in case of presence of the certificates thereof.

Article 46. Ban on holding, purchasing, selling, making, exchanging or realising the order, medal, lapel pin of an honorary title of the Republic of Armenia or the ribbon bars thereof, as well as a ban on making, holding, purchasing, selling, exchanging or realising signs, commemorative coins, commemorative medals and lapel pins confusingly similar to the orders, medals or lapel pins of honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia by the person not entitled to that

1. The holding, purchasing, making, exchanging or realising in any other way of an order, medal, lapel pin of an honorary title of the Republic of Armenia or the ribbon bars thereof by a person not entitled to that, shall be prohibited.
2. The holding, purchasing, selling, making, exchanging or realising in any other way of signs, commemorative coins, commemorative medals and lapel pins that are confusingly similar to the orders, medals and lapel pins of honorary titles of the Republic of Armenia, shall be prohibited.
3. The illegal actions referred to in parts 1 and 2 of this Article in relation to the order, medal and lapel pin of an honorary title of the Republic of Armenia shall lead to administrative liability defined by the law of the Republic of Armenia.

CHAPTER 7

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 47. Transitional and final provisions

1. This Law shall enter into force on the tenth day following the day of its official promulgation.

2. Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-65 of 26 July 1993 "On the Medal for Courage", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-66 of 26 July 1993 "On the Medal for Combat Service", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-67 of 26 July 1993 "On the Medal of Mkhitar Gosh", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-68 of 26 July 1993 "On the Medal of Mkhitar Heratsi", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-69 of 26 July 1993 "On the Medal of Anania Shirakatsi", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-70 of 26 July 1993 "On the Medal of Movses Khorenatsi", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-71 of 26 July 1993 "On citizens of the Republic of Armenia having been awarded state awards of the USSR and the ASSR", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-72 of 26 July 1993 "On the Order of Saint Mesrop Mashtots", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-95 of 22 April 1994 "On state awards of the Republic of Armenia", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-96 of 22 April 1994 "On the Highest "National Hero of Armenia" Title of the Republic of Armenia", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-97 of 22 April 1994 "On the Order of Combat Cross", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-76 of 6 July 2000 "On the Order of Honour", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-354-N of 20 May 2002 "On the Order of Tigran the Great", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-355-N of 20 May 2002 "On the Order of Vardan Mamikonyan", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-105-N of 11 June 2004 "On Honorary Titles of the Republic of Armenia", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-111-N of 20 May 2005 "On the Medal "For Services Provided to the Homeland"", Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-112-N of 20 May 2005 "On the Medal "For Excellent Maintenance of Social Order"" and Law of the Republic of Armenia HO-1-N of 22

December 2010 "On the Order of Glory" shall be repealed upon entry into force of this Law.

3. The awards granted in cases and in the manner defined by laws repealed by part 2 of this Article shall remain in force, and the persons having been awarded those awards shall continue to exercise their rights defined by the law.

4. The state awards of the USSR and the ASSR previously granted to citizens of the Republic of Armenia shall remain in force.

5. Citizens of the Republic of Armenia having received state awards of the USSR and the ASSR shall benefit from the privileges provided for by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

6. The honorary titles conferred to persons and groups and ensembles prior to entry into force of this Law shall remain in force and shall be equivalent to the honorary titles conferred upon entry into force of this Law.

**President
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