

LAW ON LIBRARIES

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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Subject of Regulation

Article 1

This Law shall regulate the library activity, work of the libraries, founding, types of libraries, organization, coordination, professional titles, supervision and other issues significant for the library activity in the Republic of Macedonia.

Library Material

Article 2

(1) Library material shall comprise of published printed and electronic publications, media, and other publications multiplied in other way, such as: books, brochures, newspapers, magazines, PhD theses, master theses, scripts, manuscripts, catalogues, prospects, posters, leaflets, programs, cartographic and note material, reproductions of art pieces, postcards, calendars, photographs and other pieces prepared using techniques related to photography, computer programs, media (gramophone records, audio and video cassettes, compact discs, tape, magnet and other material, CD-ROMs etc.), dispositive, microfilms, microfiches, information material created using reprographic techniques in any way and shape, electronic databases and other publications.

(2) The library material that have been identified as library goods, according to the Law on Protection of Cultural Heritage, as well as rare library material identified with a general act issued by the minister who manages the state administration authority (hereinafter: the minister) shall be under special legal regime of protection as cultural heritage, according to the Law on Protection of the Cultural Heritage.

(3) The library material and library goods shall constitute the library's library fund.

II. TYPES OF LIBRARIES, ESTABLISHMENT AND CEASE OF ACTIVITY

Library

Article 3

(1) The library shall be nonprofit institution in the field of culture, which according to the professional principles, shall maintain library funds, sources of information and shall provide access and use of them, provide services of the interlibrary borrowing, as well as services to foreign sources of information.

(2) The library, within the meaning of this Law shall perform procurement, keeping, exploring, collecting, arranging, professional and scientific work, studying, and providing library material for use, as well as collecting, processing and presenting of information and data on the library material (hereinafter: library activity).

(3) The library is open for the public and through use of the library material it

shall spread the education and fulfill the cultural and other needs of the general public, contribute to the promotion of the professional and scientific and research work and to the development of the education, culture, science and other activities and develop interactive communication with the users in order to use and popularize the publications and other information material.

Library Activity

Article 4

- (1) The library activity is activity of public interest.
- (2) The library activity according to the provisions of this Law shall be performed by the libraries.
- (3) The library activity may also be performed by other legal entities if they are registered for library activity and perform it in specially organized part under conditions prescribed in this and other Laws, as library within.

Application of Other Regulations

Article 5

- (1) The provisions of the Law on Culture shall apply to the establishment, activity and cease of the activity of the libraries, on the management, decision making, financing and administrative supervision if this or other Law does not specify otherwise.
- (2) The protection of the library goods shall be performed according to this Law and according to the Law on Protection of the Cultural Heritage.

Types of Libraries according to Founders

Article 6

- (1) The libraries according to the founders may be public (national and local) and private.
- (2) The Government of the Republic of Macedonia may establish national library and the municipalities, the City of Skopje and the municipalities in the city of Skopje may establish local libraries.
- (3) Domestic or foreign legal entity or natural person may establish private library, under conditions and manner prescribed in this or other Law.
- (4) The libraries may include organizational units outside the library's headquarters. The libraries may perform their activities outside their headquarters or business premises through mobile libraries.

Types of Libraries According to Subject of Activity

Article 7

- (1) The libraries according to the subject of their activity may be general and specialized.
- (2) General libraries shall be libraries whose activity is directed toward fulfillment of the general education, cultural and other needs of the citizens.
- (3) Specialized libraries shall be libraries whose activity is directed toward fulfillment of the needs for professional and scientific and research work, as well as of the needs of various target groups of users as school, university, professional and other libraries.

(4) The type of library, depending on its function shall be determined during its establishment.

Special Conditions for Commencement of the Work of the Library

Article 8

(1) The library, according to this Law may commence with activity if it fulfills the following special conditions:

- 1) It has basic assets for commencement of activity;
- 2) It has funds for sustainable performance of the activity;
- 3) There is an elaborate for establishment of the library;
- 4) It has appropriate premises and equipment for keeping and use of the library fund;
- 5) It has provided library material and
- 6) It has employed appropriate professional staff.

(2) On the fulfillment of the conditions stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article, the minister shall issue a resolution after an opinion by the main library.

(3) An appeal may be submitted to the commission of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, against the resolution stipulated in paragraph (2) of this article. The Appeal does not delay the enforcement of the resolution.

(4) The standards for determination of the types of libraries, their work, accommodation and keeping of the library material and library documentation shall be prescribed by the minister.

Appraisal of the Library's Work

Article 9

The state administration authority competent for the activities in the field of culture (hereinafter: the ministry), every five years from the day of granting of the resolution for fulfillment of the conditions for work of the library, shall perform an appraisal of the conditions for work of the library.

Cease of Work of the Library

Article 10

(1) The library may cease its work if it fails to fulfill the conditions necessary to commence with activity.

(2) The founder shall decide on cease of the work of the library if the library does not perform the activity or if the interest for its establishment does not exist any more.

(3) In case of cease of work of a public library, the decision on cease of the library has to include provisions for protection and accommodation of the library material and library documentation in other relevant public library.

(4) If the ministry, during appraisal of the fulfillment of the conditions stipulated in article 9 of this Law, finds that the library does not meet the conditions stipulated in article 8 of this Law, the minister, upon previous opinion by the main library, shall issue a resolution which cancels the resolution for fulfillment of the conditions for commencement of the work of the library.

(5) Before the resolution stipulated in paragraph (4) of this article, the minister shall stipulate a deadline in which the library has to meet the conditions

stipulated in article 8 of this Law.

(6) An appeal may be submitted to the commission of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, against the resolution stipulated in paragraphs (4) and (5) of this article. The Appeal does not delay the enforcement of the resolution

III. ESTABLISHMENT, MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCING OF LOCAL AND PRIVATE LIBRARIES

Establishment of Local Libraries

Article 11

(1) The municipal councils, the Council of the City of Skopje and the councils of the municipalities in the city of Skopje shall enact decisions for establishment of local libraries, according to the conditions and standards prescribed in this Law.

(2) The local library shall have a statute which shall regulate the work and organization of the library, the name, headquarters, the subject of work and other issues important for the library's work prescribed in this or other Law.

(3) The municipal councils, the Council of the City of Skopje and the councils of the municipalities in the city of Skopje shall approve the statutes.

Management of Local Libraries

Article 12

(1) The director shall be the managing authority of the local library.

(2) The mayor shall appoint and dismiss the director of the library.

(3) The director of the library shall be elected upon public call published in the media, not later than three months before the end of the term of the previous director. The mayor shall publish the call.

(4) The candidates shall submit the necessary documents according to the call to the management board of the library. The candidates shall submit their programs for development of the institution.

(5) The received documents shall be reviewed by a commission of three, established by the management board of the library. The commission is obligated to review the received documents within five days from the day of the call deadline.

(6) The commission shall propose candidates to the mayor.

(7) The mayor, within 15 days from the day of receipt of the proposal shall appoint the director.

(8) The director shall be appointed with four year term.

(9) The candidates who have been rejected have a right to appeal within eight days from the day of the mayor's decision to the second instance commission of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia competent for resolution of issues in the field of employment relations.

(10) Against the decision of the commission stipulated in paragraph (9) of this article, the candidate has a right to file a complaint to the relevant basic court.

(11) The statute of the library shall regulate the special conditions and the procedure for appointment of a director.

(12) In case when a director has not been appointed or his/her term has ceased before time, the mayor shall appoint acting director immediately, without a call, from the pool of the library's employees. The acting director shall be appointed for the period until appointment of the director of the library, but for not longer

than six months.

(13) The acting director has all the rights and obligations of the director of the library.

Administration of Local Libraries

Article 13

(1) The management board shall be the administration authority of the local library.

(2) The management board shall be composed of five representatives appointed by the municipal council, the council of the City of Skopje or by the council of the municipality in the city of Skopje and three of them shall be from the pool of prominent individuals in the cultural field and two shall be representatives of the library staff, professional and competent persons.

(3) The management board of the library shall enact the statute of the library, determine the policy and principles of development of the library, propose the annual work program of the library, the financial plan and the library's annual account and shall perform other activities prescribed in the founding act and in the statute.

(4) The other issues regarding the activity of the management board shall be regulated in the library's statute.

Financing of the Local Libraries

Article 14

(1) The funds for financing of the activity of the local libraries shall be provided in a manner and under procedure determined by Law.

(2) The libraries shall submit the municipal council, the council of the City of Skopje or by the council of the municipality in the city of Skopje a annual work program, report and financial plan.

Establishing Private Libraries

Article 15

(1) Private libraries shall be established by domestic and foreign legal entity or individual under conditions prescribed in this and other Law.

(2) The library fund of the private library may be consisted only of library material.

(3) The library fund of the private library shall be granted a status of protected good if in a procedure prescribed in the Law on Protection of Cultural Heritage a relevant protection act is issued.

(4) In the cases stipulated in paragraph (3) of this article, the provisions applicable to the holders of protected goods, according to the Law on Protection of Cultural Heritage shall apply to the activity of the private libraries.

IV. WORK OF THE LIBRARIES

Work of the Libraries

Article 16

(1) The libraries shall perform the following activities:

- 1) procure, explore, collect, process and study, protect, keep, publish, inform, present and provide the library material for use;
 - 2) promote and affirm the library fund of the Republic of Macedonia, through exhibitions, lectures, literature readings, seminars and courses, film projection and other forms of activity;
 - 3) provide conditions for use and scientific and professional research of the library fund;
 - 4) publish professional publications, catalogues, guides and other informative material;
 - 5) keep entry records, inventory book, basic catalogue and other types of records and documentation;
 - 6) maintain library catalogues and indexes;
 - 7) perform professional processing and keeping of the indigenous library material of local importance;
 - 8) perform bibliographical and information and documentation activity;
 - 9) borrow and exchange library material with other libraries and related institutions;
 - 10) take care for proper application of the technical and protection measures for keeping and maintenance of the library material;
 - 11) take part in the maintenance of the national joint bibliographic base of central catalogues and databases and
 - 12) perform other activities in the field of library activity, according to the Law.
- (2) The libraries may sell antique library material under conditions prescribed by the main library;
- (3) The libraries shall perform the activities stipulated in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this article in the area for which they are established.

Main Library

Article 17

In order to promote and coordinate the work of the libraries on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia, this Law and the Law in Protection of Cultural Heritage determine the national institution "National and University Library "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Skopje to be central national library with main function (hereinafter: main library).

Work of the Main Library

Article 18

The main library except the activities stipulated in article 16 of this Law shall perform the following activities:

- 1) studies the situation and conditions for development of the library network, the organization and promotion of the library activity and gives professional opinions and proposals;
- 2) coordinates the work of the libraries in the Republic of Macedonia;

- 3) collects, processes, keeps and provides access to the library material regarding Macedonia, published anywhere in the world;
- 4) provides the necessary professional assistance to the libraries in the Republic of Macedonia;
- 5) gives initiatives for enacting regulations and measures for promotion of the library activity and professional training of the library staff;
- 6) prepares and publishes the current and retrospective bibliography of the Republic of Macedonia and other special bibliographies;
- 7) prepares manuals for professional processing and keeping of the indigenous library material of national importance;
- 8) performs training and education of library staff in the Republic of Macedonia, through education center;
- 9) organizes cooperation between the libraries, especially in procurement, professional processing, borrowing and exchange of library material;
- 10) takes part in procedures for restitution of library goods led by the Republic of Macedonia;
- 11) gives opinions on the fulfillment of the conditions for commencement i.e. cease of the work of the libraries stipulated in articles 8 and 10 of this Law;
- 12) determines the existence of conditions for special protection of foreign library material, when it is insured in order to be exhibited;
- 13) performs catalogization of the publications (CIP record), ISSN – international standard magazine number and ISBN – international standard book number;
- 14) organizes the national library and information system in the Republic of Macedonia;
- 15) proposes enactment of regulations for the technical and protection measures for keeping and maintenance of the library material;
- 16) maintains central catalogues of library material;
- 17) collects, keeps and processes texts of PhD theses and master theses and performs exchange of works with foreign countries as national referral center;
- 18) mediates in the exchange and borrowing of library material between the libraries in the Republic of Macedonia and the foreign libraries;
- 19) collects, processes and orders statistical and other data on the work of the libraries;
- 20) identifies criteria for writing off of the library material; and
- 21) performs other activities prescribed by this or other Law.

V. ACTIVITY OF THE LIBRARIES

Obtaining of the Library Material

Article 19

(1) The libraries shall obtain the library fund by buying, exchange, gifts, legacy, through the obligatory copy that is received by certain libraries according to the Law, as well as through giving and receiving from other legal entities and individuals.

(2) The publishing companies and the bookstores are obligated to offer the library material and other publications they write off to the library in the area of the local self-government unit where they are situated by price and other conditions applicable to the entities that buy and process paper and other material.

(3) The library stipulated in paragraph (2) of this article is obligated to inform

the bidder whether it accepts the offer stipulated in paragraph (2) of this article within 30 days. After the expiration of the deadline the offer may be accepted by another library within the same deadline and under same conditions.

Keeping of the Library Fund

Article 20

For permanent preservation and use of the library fund, the libraries are obligated to keep it in conditions and using most contemporary technical assets providing its complete and efficient protection.

Recording and Documentation of the Library Fund

Article 21

(1) The libraries are obligated to keep records of the library fund and library documentation.

(2) The records of the library fund shall include entry records, inventory book, basic catalogue of the library fund and other types of records.

(3) The local libraries in the units of local self-government in whose area they are established and where except the Macedonian language and its Cyrillic alphabet the language of at least 20% of the citizens of the Republic of Macedonia is official, the entry records and the basic catalogue of the library fund shall be kept in the Macedonian language and its Cyrillic alphabet and in the language and alphabet of at least 20% of the citizens of the Republic of Macedonia in the area of that unit of local self-government.

(4) The library documentation shall include data on the library goods and library material necessary for their professional processing, identification, method and situation of obtaining, changes, processes of work etc.

(5) The minister shall prescribe the form, contents and manner of keeping of the records of the library fund and library documentation stipulated in paragraphs (2) and (4) of this article.

Revision of the Library Fund

Article 22

(1) The libraries are obligated to perform revision of the library fund.

(2) The revision shall identify the situation of the library fund and the need for appropriate measures for its efficient protection.

(3) The revision of the library fund shall be performed at least every five years, and in the main library at least every ten years.

(4) The libraries may restrict the use of damaged library material for its permanent preservation.

Writing off of the Library Fund

Article 23

(1) The library goods in the public libraries may be written off from the inventory book based on act for cease of the protection, in a method and procedure prescribed in the Law in Protection of Cultural Heritage.

(2) Writing off of the library material and library documentation shall be performed with resolution issued by the director of the library, after previous approval by the professional commission, appointed by the management board

of the library, according to unique criteria.

(3) The criteria stipulated in paragraph (2) of this article shall be determined by the main library.

Obligatory Copy

Article 24

The protection, keeping and use of the obligatory copy shall be realized by the libraries specified in the Law on Obligatory Copy.

Scientific and Educational and Other Activities of the Library

Article 25

(1) In the performance of its basic activities, as well as the activities related to them, the libraries shall perform activities of interest for the science and education.

(2) The libraries shall disseminate knowledge about the values and significance of the cultural and scientific values of the library goods.

(3) The libraries shall prepare and realize interactive educational programs, primarily for children, pupils and students.

(4) The libraries are obligated to provide the visitors use of the library material, as well as clear presentation of the exhibited library materials through signs, marks, issuing guides etc.

(5) The libraries may also perform other activities in function of better visit and commercial presentation and marketing of the library services such as opening cafeterias, bookstores, sell of information material etc. under conditions determined by Law.

Presentation of the Library Fund

Article 26

(1) The libraries shall present the library fund through organization of permanent and temporary exhibitions, as well as through provision of additional information on their activities.

(2) The presentations shall be organized based on scientific principles and in a manner that is conducive to the learning of the cultural and scientific value of the exhibited library fund.

(3) The presentation of the library fund shall be performed under conditions and in a manner that guarantee full safety of the exhibited library fund.

Open Hours of the Libraries

Article 27

(1) The business hours of the libraries should be organized in a manner that enables use by all target groups of users.

(2) The libraries are obligated to publish the business days and hours.

(3) The children, pupils and students, as well as the persons with special needs shall pay lower fees for the services or shall be exempted from paying.

(4) The issues stipulated in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this article shall be detailed in the library's statute.

Production of Samples of Library Materials

Article 28

The library materials may be reproduced in library samples with non-commercial aim, according to the regulations for copyright and related rights.

Copy of Library Item

Article 29

(1) The copy of library item shall be produced in order to preserve it and in the following cases:

- 1) when it is necessary due to safety reasons;
- 2) when there are no appropriate conditions for its keeping;
- 3) when the library item has been given for temporary use to another library or other related public institution; and
- 4) when it is necessary to exhibit it in another library.

(2) It is not allowed to produce more than three copies of one library item. For every copy of the library item the library shall issue a certificate.

(3) The library shall maintain a register of copies of library items.

(4) The contents and the method of maintaining of the register of library copies stipulated in paragraph (3) of this article and the form of the certificate stipulated in paragraph (2) of this article shall be prescribed by the minister.

Use of Library Items for Commercial Purposes

Article 30

The production of goods, stickers and designer solutions that include photographs or graphical image of a library item shall be performed according to the Law on Protection of the Cultural Heritage after an approval by the holders of the copyright or related rights.

Insurance of the Library Funds

Article 31

The library funds of the public libraries, the library documentation and the premises where the library is situated have to be insured at an insurance company, using funds provided by the founder.

VI. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE USERS

Rights of the Users

Article 32

(1) The users of the libraries shall have a right to the basic library services of use of the library funds, use of information on the fund and directions for use of the information sources.

(2) The rights of the users shall be detailed in the special acts of the libraries.

Collecting and Protection of Users' Personal Data

Article 33

In function of its activity, and in accordance with the regulations for protection of the personal data, the libraries shall collect them from their users and are obligated to use them only for the purpose for which they have been taken.

Obligations of the Users

Article 34

(1) The users of the library services shall be obligated to obey the rules for use of the library services in accordance with this Law, other Law, general act and other library act.

(2) The libraries shall be obligated to inform the users about the rules for their rights and obligations in a appropriate and transparent way.

VII. INSURANCE OF FOREIGN EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITIONS

Insurance

Article 35

Insurance within the meaning of this Law shall be the guarantee of the Republic of Macedonia for remuneration of damage on foreign exhibits and exhibitions, organized on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia by the public libraries.

Conditions for Granting Insurance

Article 36

(1) The insurance within the meaning of article 35 of this Law may be granted for:

1) exhibits i.e. exhibitions from abroad which have special cultural, artistic, scientific and historical value if their presentation is conditioned with insurance; and

2) exhibits i.e. exhibitions for which the costs of insurance in the insurance company are extremely high due to declared value of the exhibits and the owner agrees to accept this type of insurance.

(2) Insurance cannot be granted for exhibits and exhibitions organized with commercial purpose.

Decision for Granting of Insurance

Article 37

(1) The decision for granting of insurance, within the meaning of article 36 of this Law shall be enacted by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, upon proposal by the ministry.

(2) The decision stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article may be enacted if the public library – organizer of the exhibition provides special conditions for protection of the exhibits such as:

1) permanent physical protection of the exhibits from the moment of receiving to the moment of their handing;

2) maintaining climate and other conditions according to the type of exhibit; and
3) security of the structures and premises against all risks which may endanger the exhibits.

(3) The provision of the conditions stipulated in paragraph (2) of this article shall be prescribed by the main library.

VIII. NATIONAL LIBRARY INFORMATION SYSTEM

Uniqueness of the Library Information System

Article 38

(1) The libraries in the Republic of Macedonia shall act as unique national library information system which functions as joint interactive national bibliographic and catalogue database which is connected with the other library information systems abroad (hereinafter: library information system).

(2) The library information system shall provide harmonized, standardized and economical library activity, rational use of the library material and fulfilling of the needs for information.

(3) The library information system of the Republic of Macedonia shall consist of subsystems whose number, types and functioning shall be determined and maintained by the main library. The main library shall be the headquarters of the interactive national bibliographic and catalogue database stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article.

Connecting to the Scientific Information System

Article 39

The libraries through cooperation with the information and documentation authorities and information centers of the scientific and research institutions shall be connected to the scientific information system.

Uniqueness of the Library Information System

Article 40

The uniqueness of the library information system shall be provided through:

- unique professional processing of the library material;
- unique method of collecting and processing of information and data;
- unique maintenance of the catalogues and other information aids and joint provision of the activity of the central catalogues; and
- development of the interlibrary cooperation and borrowing of library material.

Rights and Obligations of the Entities in the Library Information System

Article 41

The rights and obligations of the entities in the library information system shall be detailed by contracts.

IX. NATIONAL LIBRARY COUNCIL

National Library Council

Article 42

(1) A national library council as an advisory and professional body of the minister (hereinafter: the council) shall be established in order to analyze the situation, determine measures for promotion and long term development of the activity of the libraries.

(2) The council shall consist of chairman and eight members appointed and dismissed by the minister.

(3) The chairman and the members of the council shall be appointed from the pool of prominent individuals in the field of library science, science, culture, education as well as citizen associations in this field.

(4) The chairman and the members of the council shall be appointed for a period of four years and they can be reappointed.

Competences of the Council

Article 43

The council:

- 1) shall review the general issues related to the realization of the library activity;
- 2) shall monitor and analyze the achievements and situation in the library activity;
- 3) shall provide opinions and proposals on regulations and on the strategy for further development and promotion of the library activity;
- 4) shall discuss the disputing issues regarding library activity and give opinion on their resolution;
- 5) shall study and give opinion on the organization of the library network in the Republic of Macedonia;
- 6) shall enact rules of procedure for its activity; and
- 7) shall perform other activities determined by Law.

Administrative and Technical Activities

Article 44

The administrative and technical activities of the council shall be performed by the ministry staff.

X. PROFESSIONAL TITLES

Performance of Professional Activities in the Libraries

Article 45

The professional activities in libraries shall be performed by employees with elective professional titles, with non-elective professional titles and employees with other professional and scientific titles.

Elective Professional Titles

Article 46

The professional activities in the libraries shall be performed by employees with the elective titles senior librarian and librarian advisor.

Special Conditions for Selection of Senior Librarian and Librarian Advisor

Article 47

(1) The following persons can be elected to the position of a senior librarian:

1) A person with a master degree from the appropriate area and three years of working experience as a librarian or at least ten years of working experience as a librarian;

2) A person who has published and realized projects of significance for the promotion of the library activity and

3) A person capable of independently organizing the technical part of the work.

(2) The following persons can be elected to the position of a librarian advisor:

1) A person that has a doctoral degree from the appropriate area and three years of working experience as a senior librarian or at least ten years of working experience as a senior librarian;

2) A person that has published and realized professional projects of special significance for the promotion of the library activity in the narrow area for which he/she is elected; and

3) A person that is highly independent when organizing the technical part of the work.

(3) The person elected to the position stipulated in paragraph (1) and (2) of this article can be reelected after the expiration of every fifth year.

(4) Notwithstanding, the person elected to the position stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article shall not be reelected after the first reelection.

Competence and Procedure for Election and Reelection to a Professional Position

Article 48

(1) The election and reelection to elective professional titles stipulated in articles 46 and 4y of this law shall be performed by the Minister, in accordance with the Law on Protection of Cultural Heritage, on the basis of an assessment of the review committee.

(2) Procedure for election and reelection to a professional position shall be instigated upon a request from the interested professional employee. The procedure for reelection can also be initiated by the director of the public library or by the management authority of the public library, no later than three months before the expiration of the deadline for reelection.

(3) The review commission stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article shall comprise of at least three members, selected from the pool of persons that have at least the same title as the title which is being elected or reelected, or which have an appropriate scientific title. More than half for the members of the Commission shall be people from the same professional area as the candidate which is being elected.

(4) The review commission shall submit a written a time period specified in the act with which the commission is formed.

(5) The report stipulated in paragraph (4) of this article shall contain biographical

information about the candidate, overview and assessment of his/her work and an evaluation whether the candidate has fulfilled the conditions for election or reelection.

(6) The procedure for election and reelection to a professional position shall last for at most three months.

Non-elective Professional Titles

Article 49

The professional activities in the museum shall be performed by employees with non-elective professional titles that have completed the appropriate secondary education for the profession of library assistant, appropriate higher education for the title of independent library assistant and appropriate university education for the title of librarian, in accordance with the general acts of the library.

Performance of Other Professional Activities in the Libraries

Article 50

Certain professional activities in museums can be performed by employees that have scientific titles, as well as professional titles in the area of protection of cultural heritage, the archives material and the museum activity and other employees in accordance with the general acts of the museum.

XI. SUPERVISION

Performance of Supervision

Article 51

(1) The Ministry shall supervise the implementation of this Law.

(2) During the supervision of the work of the municipal authorities, the Ministry shall perform the following activities:

1) Monitor the legality of the work of the municipal authorities and shall undertake measures and activities and shall initiate the realization of the competences of the municipality in accordance with this law;

2) Assess whether the municipal authorities ensure that the municipal competences are performed in accordance with the standards and procedures determined with this law;

3) Provide recommendations regarding the consistent implementation of the municipal competences within the frameworks determined by this law, up a request from the municipal authorities;

4) Monitor the legality of the decisions enacted by the mayor with reference to the resolution of individual rights during the process of selecting a library director and

5) Provide timely information to the municipal authorities about the conclusions made by the supervision regarding the work of the municipal authorities and about the undertaken measures.

(3) The Ministry shall perform inspection supervision over the implementation of this law through the inspectorates of culture in accordance with the Law on Culture and the Cultural Heritage Protection Office, in accordance with the Law on Protection of Cultural Heritage.

XII. PENALTY PROVISIONS

Misdemeanors

Article 52

(1) A fine in the amount of 100,000 to 200,000 MKD shall be imposed, for a misdemeanor, against a legal entity if:

- 1) it performs a library activity without having a decision that it fulfills the conditions to start working as a library (article 8);
- 2) it does not maintain an entry ledger, inventory book, basic catalogue of library material and library documentations and other types of records (article 21);
- 3) fails to review the library fund (article 22);
- 4) it fails to publically announce the visitation days and hours and if it fails to determine reduced prices for a certain type of visitors, i.e. fails to exempt them from paying of the fees (article 27 paragraphs (2) and (3));
- 5) it produces more than three copies of a library item (article 29 paragraph 2); and
- 6) it fails to maintain a register of library goods (article 29 paragraph (3)).

(2) A fine in the amount of 10,000 to 30,000 MKD shall be imposed, for a misdemeanor stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article, against the responsible person within the legal entity.

(3) A fine in the amount of 10,000 to 50,000 MKD shall be imposed against a sole proprietor for committing a misdemeanor stipulated in paragraph (1) of this article.

(4) For committing the misdemeanor stipulated in paragraph (1), item 10 of this article, a safety measure involving the confiscation of objects acquired by committing the misdemeanor can be imposed against the legal entity.

XIII. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 53

From the day when this law started to apply, the main libraries established according to the Law on Library Activity ("Official Gazette of SRM no. 17/74 , 42/76, 17/84 and 51/88 and "Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia no. 12/93), shall continue their activity as public libraries, established accordint to this Law and to the Law on Culture.

Establishment of the Council

Article 54

The council shall be established within 30 days after the day when this law starts to apply.

Bylaws

Article 55

(1) The regulations that have to be enacted in accordance with this law shall be enacted within at most six months after the day when this law becomes legally effective.

(2) Until the regulation stipulated in article 2, paragraph (2) of this law becomes

legally effective, the Rule Book on the Determination of Library Material and Rare Library Material and on the Conditions and Method of its Professional Processing, Protection, Keeping and Use ("Official Gazette of SRM" number 8/78).

Professional titles

Article 56

The persons that have acquired the titles of a senior librarian and librarian advisor in accordance with the Law on library Activity ("Official Gazette of the Socialist Republic of Macedonia" no. 17/74, 42/76, 17/84 and 51/88 and "Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" no. 12/93) before this law starts to apply, shall have their titles recognized.

Renaming of the Main Library

Article 57

The existing University Library "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Skopje on the day when this law becomes effective shall continue its activity as national institution National and University Library "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Skopje.

Termination of the Current Law

Article 58

The Law on Library Activity ("Official Gazette of the Socialist Republic of Macedonia" no. 17/74, 42/76, 17/84 and 51/88 and "Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" no. 12/93) shall cease to apply on the day when this law starts to apply.

Legal Effectuation of the Law and Start of Application of the Law

Article 59

This law shall become legally effective on the eighth day after the day of publication in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia", and shall start to apply on the day when the councils of the municipalities and the council of the city of Skopje have been constituted and when the mayors of the municipalities and the mayor of the city of Skopje have been elected after the implementation of the first next local elections in accordance with the Law on Local Elections ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" no. 46/96, 12/2003, 35/2004, 52/2004 and 60/2004).