

## **Criminal Code of Lithuania**

In order to stop trafficking in human beings and spread of illegal employment related to it, the Criminal Code was supplemented by Article 822 on July 1, 1999, which determined criminal amenability for transportation of a citizen of The Republic of Lithuania abroad for appeal for refuge, for illegal employment or to stay abroad illegally for other reasons, or by deceitful promise to give legal status abroad. Such activities shall be punished by deprivation of freedom for up to six years, and if aggravating circumstances are present – by deprivation of freedom from four to eight years.

Part 3 of Article 239 of the Criminal Code determines criminal amenability for procurement for prostitution. Procurement for prostitution purposes is provision of clients for a prostitute or giving an opportunity for clients to choose a prostitute for sexual relationship. Punishment determined by the Criminal Code for procurement is deprivation of freedom for up to five years, or a fine.

Part 4 of Article 239 of the Criminal Code determines criminal amenability for forcing a teenager, who is materially, by work or otherwise dependent, into prostitution, as well forcing into prostitution by measures of blackmail, deception, or using psychological or physical violence. The determined punishment is deprivation of freedom from tree to seven years.

Article 207 determines criminal amenability for falsification of official documents –for falsification, realization and use of official document (for example, citizen passport) (determines punishment is deprivation of freedom for up to five years and fine).

The important aspect of application of criminal amenability for trafficking in human beings is extradition of criminals. The Criminal Code of The Republic of Lithuania (Article 71) and the Criminal Process Code of The Republic of Lithuania (Articles 22, 221-227) regulate that: a citizen of the Republic of Lithuania or a foreigner, suspected or charged with conducting a crime, can be extradited to a foreign country only, if the International agreement of the Republic of Lithuania determines that obligation.