Decision of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress on Amending the Emergency Response Law of the People’s Republic of China and Fourteen Other Laws

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The Standing Committee of the Fourteenth National People's Congress, at its 25th Session, decided as follows:

I. Amendments to the Emergency Response Law of the People's Republic of China

In Article 29, “the relevant departments of the people's governments at or above the county level” is amended to read “the relevant departments of the people's governments at or above the provincial level.”

II. Amendments to the Work Safety Law of the People's Republic of China

Paragraph 1 of Article 8 is amended to read: “The State Council and the local people's governments at or above the county level shall incorporate work safety into the national economic and social development plans.”

III. Amendments to the Island Protection Law of the People's Republic of China

(1) Article 11 is amended to read: “The relevant departments of the people's governments of cities divided into districts along the coast may, based on actual needs, organize the formulation of special plans for island protection.

“Formulating the special plans for island protection mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall solicit the opinions of the oceanic administrative department of the people's government at the next higher level.”

(2) Article 13 is amended to read: “Amending island protection plans shall be submitted for approval in accordance with the approval procedures prescribed in Articles 9 and 10 of this Law.”

(3) In Article 46, “the Marine Environment Protection Law of the People's Republic of China” is amended to read “the Ecological Environment Code of the People's Republic of China.”

IV. Amendments to the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Occupational Diseases

Paragraph 1 of Article 10 is amended to read: “The State Council and the people's governments of provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities directly under the Central Government shall formulate plans for occupational health protection and organize their implementation.”

V. Amendments to the Basic Healthcare and Health Promotion Law of the People's Republic of China

(1) Paragraph 1 of Article 23 is amended to read: “The State shall strengthen occupational health protection. The people's governments at or above the county level shall establish and improve occupational health work mechanisms, strengthen occupational health supervision and administration, and enhance the capacity and level of comprehensive prevention and control of occupational diseases.”

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(2) Paragraph 1 of Article 37 is amended to read: “The people's governments at or above the county level shall rationally allocate medical and health resources, establish medical and health institutions, and guarantee citizens' access to basic medical and health services.”

(3) Paragraph 1 of Article 40 is amended to read: “Medical and health institutions established by the government shall adhere to their public-welfare nature, incorporate all revenues and expenditures into budget management, and rationally plan, establish, and control their scale.”

VI. Amendments to the Wild Animal Protection Law of the People's Republic of China

(1) Paragraph 1 of Article 5 is amended to read: “The State shall protect wild animals and their habitats. The people's governments at or above the county level shall incorporate the protection of wild animals and their habitats into relevant plans and include the funds for wild animal protection in their budgets.”

(2) In Article 63, “the Environmental Protection Law of the People's Republic of China” is amended to read “the Ecological Environment Code of the People's Republic of China.”

VII. Amendments to the Forest Law of the People's Republic of China

(1) Article 25 is amended to read: “The forestry authorities of the people's governments at or above the provincial level shall formulate forestry development plans in accordance with the goals of forest resource protection and development. The forestry authorities of the people's governments of cities divided into districts and counties may formulate forestry development plans based on actual needs. Lower-level forestry development plans shall be formulated on the basis of higher-level forestry development plans.”

(2) In paragraph 3 of Article 74, “the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Soil Pollution” is amended to read “the Ecological Environment Code of the People's Republic of China.”

VIII. Amendments to the Grassland Law of the People's Republic of China

Paragraph 2 of Article 17 is amended to read: “The grassland administrative authorities of the local people's governments at or above the county level may, based on actual needs and in conjunction with the relevant departments at the same level, formulate plans for the protection, development, and utilization of grasslands within their respective administrative regions in accordance with the higher-level plans for the protection, development, and utilization of grasslands, and submit them to the people's governments at the same level for approval before implementation.”

IX. Amendments to the Wetland Protection Law of the People's Republic of China

(1) In paragraph 3 of Article 2, “the Water Law of the People's Republic of China, the Flood Control Law of the People's Republic of China, the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution, and the Marine Environment Protection Law of the People's Republic of China” is amended to read “the Ecological Environment Code of the People's Republic of China, the Water Law of the People's Republic of China, and the Flood Control Law of the People's Republic of China.”

(2) Paragraph 2 of Article 15 is amended to read: “The forestry and grassland authorities of the local people's governments at or above the county level may, based on actual needs and in conjunction with the relevant departments, formulate wetland protection plans within their respective administrative regions in accordance with the territorial spatial plans at the same level and the wetland protection plans at the next higher level, and submit them to the people's governments at the same level for approval before organizing their implementation.”

(3) Paragraph 1 of Article 34 is deleted.

(4) Paragraph 1 of Article 35 is deleted.

X. Amendments to the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Desertification

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(1) Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 11 are combined into paragraph 2 and amended to read: “The local people's governments at or above the county level may, based on actual needs, organize the formulation of plans for the prevention and control of desertification within their respective administrative regions, and submit them to the people's governments at the next higher level or the departments designated by them for approval before implementation.”

(2) In Article 46, “the Forest Law of the People's Republic of China, the Grassland Law of the People's Republic of China, the Water and Soil Conservation Law of the People's Republic of China, the Land Administration Law of the People's Republic of China, and the Environmental Protection Law of the People's Republic of China” is amended to read “the Ecological Environment Code of the People's Republic of China, the Forest Law of the People's Republic of China, the Grassland Law of the People's Republic of China, the Water and Soil Conservation Law of the People's Republic of China, and the Land Administration Law of the People's Republic of China.”

XI. Amendments to the Water and Soil Conservation Law of the People's Republic of China

Paragraph 1 of Article 14 is amended to read: “The water administrative authorities of the people's governments at or above the county level may, based on actual needs and in conjunction with the relevant departments of the people's governments at the same level, formulate water and soil conservation plans, and submit them to the people's governments at the same level or the departments authorized by them for approval, after which the water administrative authorities shall organize their implementation.”

XII. Amendments to the Black Soil Protection Law of the People's Republic of China

Paragraph 3 of Article 10 is divided into two paragraphs as paragraphs 3 and 4 and amended to read: “The agriculture and rural affairs authorities of the people's governments at the provincial level shall, in conjunction with the relevant departments, formulate black soil protection plans; the agriculture and rural affairs authorities of the people's governments of cities divided into districts and counties may, based on actual needs and in conjunction with the relevant departments, formulate black soil protection plans. Formulating black soil protection plans shall be based on surveys and monitoring, reflect integrated and contiguous treatment, be aligned with territorial spatial plans, and specify the scope of black soil protection, the objectives and tasks, the technical models, and the safeguard measures, so as to curb the trend of black soil degradation, enhance the quality of black soil, and improve the ecological environment of black soil.

“The people's governments at the county level shall assign black soil to specific plots and make this public.”

XIII. Amendments to the Animal Epidemic Prevention Law of the People's Republic of China

Paragraph 1 of Article 8 is amended to read: “The people's governments at or above the county level shall exercise unified leadership over animal epidemic prevention work, take effective measures to stabilize grassroots institutions and teams, strengthen the building of animal epidemic prevention teams, establish and improve the animal epidemic prevention system, and formulate and organize the implementation of animal epidemic prevention and control plans as needed.”

XIV. Amendments to the Environmental Protection Tax Law of the People's Republic of China

In Article 23, “the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Administration of Tax Collection and the Environmental Protection Law of the People's Republic of China” is amended to read “the Ecological Environment Code of the People's Republic of China and the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Administration of Tax Collection.”

XV. Amendments to the Waterway Law of the People's Republic of China

In Article 44, “the Environmental Protection Law of the People's Republic of China” is amended to read “the Ecological Environment Code of the People's Republic of China.”

This Decision shall come into force on the date of promulgation.

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The Emergency Response Law of the People's Republic of China and the other fourteen laws shall be amended accordingly in accordance with this Decision and republished.

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