

**Law 5224/2025 (A' 142) "Establishment of a Legal Entity under Public Law under the name 'Greek Orthodox Sacred Royal Autonomous Monastery of the Holy and God-Trodden Mount Sinai in Greece', regulations on matters under the competence of the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs, enhancing security in higher education institutions, provisions on sports, granting of a lifetime pension to literary figures and artists for the year 2025, and other provisions"**

**REGULATION OF MATTERS WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS**

**CHAPTER IX**

**DELEGATING PROVISIONS – TRANSITIONAL AND REPEALED PROVISION**

**Article 62**

**Delegating provisions**

1. **a)** By joint decision of the Ministers of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, National Economy and Finance, Interior, Health, Citizen Protection, Environment and Energy, Culture and Climate Crisis, and Civil Protection, the specific terms and conditions, the form, content, procedure, and supporting documents for the issuance of permits referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 26, the validity period of the permit in the case of construction, relocation, addition (vertical or horizontal), and all types of building works, the necessary qualifications and documents required for the religious minister responsible for the place of worship and for his/her substitute(s), the impediments to their registration in the register of Article 14 of Law 4301/2014 (A' 223), the maximum number of guests permitted to assemble in the place of worship in accordance with applicable urban planning and health regulations, the required documents for the issuance of permits under paragraph 1 of Article 26, the legal status of applicants, which may vary in the case where the applicant is a public legal entity under Article 1 of Law 2456/1920 (A' 193) and Article 1 of Legislative Decree 301/1969 (A' 195), or a private legal entity under Articles 6 and 10 of Law 3647/2008 (A' 37), or a private legal entity under Article 117 of Law 4821/2021 (A' 134), or an ecclesiastical or religious legal entity under Law 4301/2014 and any other specific matter necessary for the application of paragraph 1 of Article 26 shall be determined.  
**b)** The same decision shall determine the terms, conditions, procedures, and supporting documents for the issuance of: (i) a decision changing the name of a place of worship under paragraph 2 of Article 25, (ii) a certification act under paragraph 2 of Article 26, (iii) a revocation decision under paragraph 8 of Article 26, and (iv) a decision replacing or terminating paragraph 1 of Article 27, or suspending or deleting paragraph 2 of Article 27.
2. By joint decision of the Ministers of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, National Economy and Finance, Interior, and Citizen Protection, the sealing procedure, administrative authorities, supervisory bodies, administrative fines, collection procedures, and responsible parties shall be determined concerning: (i) the construction, establishment, operation, relocation, additions (vertical or horizontal), and all types of building works on existing places of worship, and the demolition of places of worship without the permit of the Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports under paragraph 1 of Article 26 and (ii) violations of

the terms and conditions for the operation of legally licensed places of worship as provided in Articles 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 of this law.

3. By decision of the Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, the deadline of paragraph 2 of Article 50 may be extended for one (1) year up to three (3) times for one (1) year each time.
4. By joint decision of the Ministers of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports and National Economy and Finance, issued within six (6) months from the entry into force of this law, the operation of the Management Committee of the Waqfs of Bektashi Alevi Muslims of Thrace and the competences of the Board of Directors, and in particular those of the Chairman and Treasurer, the specific duties that can be assigned to members, any compensation to be borne by the Management Committee of the Waqfs of Bektashi Alevi Muslims of Thrace under Article 52, the time and place of Board meetings, the invitation of third parties for the provision of any necessary information or to facilitate the functioning of the Board of Directors, the terms of operation and decision-making, the rules regarding financial management, supervision, regular and extraordinary accountability and the competent authorities thereof, the rules regarding the publicity of the acts of the Board of Directors, as well as any other necessary details for the orderly operation of the Management Committee of the Waqfs of Bektashi Alevi Muslims of Thrace and the fulfillment of its purpose shall be determined.
5. By decision of the Secretary of the Decentralized Administration of Macedonia–Thrace, the decisions of the Board under paragraph 3 of Article 53 shall be approved.
6. By decision of the Board of Directors of the Management Committee of the Waqfs of Bektashi Alevi Muslims of Thrace, the inventory report under paragraph 1 of Article 56 shall be approved.
7. By joint decision of the Ministers of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports and National Economy and Finance, the operational terms, deliverables, and remuneration of the members of the expert committee under paragraph 3 of Article 57 shall be determined.
8. By decision of the Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, all necessary details concerning the designation, either by school year or shorter periods within it, of schools hosting religious teachers and the classes providing their services, the selection of religious teachers and the general execution of teaching under paragraph 2 of Article 58, shall be determined.
9.
  - a) By joint decision of the Ministers of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports and Interior, the exact number of religious teachers to be recruited under Article 58 shall be announced, and the specific qualifications of the candidates shall be determined according to each category of formal qualifications, the selection criteria for each category, any impediments and incompatibilities, the duration of the contract, the terms, conditions and documents required for their signing, the place of duties of each religious teacher depending on local needs, which may include multiple jems, cemevis, or tekkes, as well as any other necessary details regarding the recruitment process and the contract terms.
  - b) By joint decision of the Ministers of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports and National Economy and Finance, the remuneration of members and the secretary of the committee

under paragraph 2 of Article 60 shall be determined, by way of derogation from paragraph 1 of Article 21 of Law 4354/2015 (A' 176).

10. By joint decision of the Ministers of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, National Economy and Finance and Interior:

a) the employment contracts of religious teachers serving under fixed-term private law contracts under paragraph 1 of Article 61 may be extended for periods not exceeding ten (10) months,

b) the remuneration of religious teachers under paragraph 1 of Article 61 shall be determined.

### **Article 63**

#### **Transitional provisions**

1. For applications for the issuance of permits under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 26 submitted prior to the entry into force of this law, the provisions in force until the entry into force of this law shall apply.
2. Until the issuance of the joint ministerial decision referred to in paragraph 4 of Article 62, the Board of Directors under Article 52 shall convene and operate in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Administrative Procedure (Law 2690/1999, A' 45), without prejudice to the provisions of this law.

### **Article 64**

#### **Repealed provisions**

Upon the entry into force of this law, the following provisions are hereby repealed:

- a. Article 1 of Legislative Decree 1363/1938 "On the Safeguarding of the Provisions of Articles 1 and 2 of the Constitution in Force" (A' 305),
- b. the Royal Decree of 20 May/2 June 1939 (A' 220) "On the Implementation of the Provisions of Legislative Decree 1673/1939 Amending Legislative Decree 1363/1938 on the Safeguarding of Articles 1 and 2 of the Constitution in Force", and
- c. Article 27 of Law 3467/2006 (A' 128), concerning the exemption from obtaining ecclesiastical authority approval for the establishment, construction, and operation of a church.