

Legislative Tracking



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Official website of the Russian State Duma

[http://asozd2.duma.gov.ru/addwork/scans.nsf/ID/9B4AEA394B1B47DA43257FC30062DD96/\\$File/1086547-6_30052016_1086547-6.PDF?OpenElement](http://asozd2.duma.gov.ru/addwork/scans.nsf/ID/9B4AEA394B1B47DA43257FC30062DD96/$File/1086547-6_30052016_1086547-6.PDF?OpenElement)

Draft law to mitigate criminal liability for illegal business activities proposed

Draft Law No. 1086547-6 has been submitted for consideration of the Russian State Duma. The Draft Law proposes the abolishment of apprehension and imprisonment for carrying out business activity without a license or registration.

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Official website of the Administration of St. Petersburg

<http://gov.spb.ru/press/governor/89371/>

Amendments to legal regulation of strategic investor status in St. Petersburg

The St. Petersburg Investment Council has approved a draft law that will amend the legal regulations of strategic investor status by:

- Mandating companies to enter into agreements with their strategic investors as a prerequisite for government support in the form of land allocation for projects on beneficial terms;
- Regulating liability of investors in case the agreement is terminated through their fault;
- Establishing additional requirements for strategic investors, including registration for tax purposes in St. Petersburg, import substitution programs and compensation for environmental damage;
- Introducing a mechanism for assessing creditworthiness of potential investors;
- Amending the list of top priority areas for investment projects, in particular excluding housing construction and retail.

The text of the draft law has not yet been published officially.

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Rossiyskaya Gazeta

<http://rg.ru/2016/05/30/rossijskim-innovatoram-pomogut-s-polucheniem-zarubezhnyh-patentov.html>

Center for patent support to improve protection of intellectual property abroad created

A new center will be opened in Russia under the auspices of Rospatent to support patenting and improve the protection of intellectual property abroad.

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Vedomosti

<http://www.vedomosti.ru/economics/articles/2016/05/31/643035-valyutnoe-rezidentstvo>

Simplified procedure for establishing currency control residency proposed by the Russian Ministry of Finance

The Russian Ministry of Finance has proposed a simplified procedure for establishing currency control residency. Specifically, the proposal suggests equating currency control residency to tax residency. In this case, Russian citizens will qualify as currency control residents if they stay in Russia for 183 days or longer within 12 consecutive months.

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