



## Hosts will be able to de-register foreign citizens from their place of stay in Russia

A bill developed to amend Articles 8 and 23 of Federal Law No. 109 of 18 July 2006 'On immigration registration of foreign citizens in the Russian Federation', fine-tuning the mechanism of de-registering foreign citizens from their place of stay in Russia, passed the third reading in the State Duma of the Russian Federation on 12 July.

The bill adds the departure of a foreign citizen from the place of temporary residence to the list of reasons for cancelling the immigration registration. It also sets forth that the immigration authority will de-register a foreign citizen from the place of residence/stay upon receiving a relevant notification.

The host may notify the immigration authorities directly, through a multifunctional center or by mail.

The format of the notification and the filing guidelines will be established by the Ministry of Interior.

The bill is aimed at protecting the interests of the hosts (Russian citizens in particular), who will now find it much easier to de-register their foreign tenants and reduce their risks in case the tenant has breached the immigration rules.

It is also expected that, once signed into law, the bill will contribute to the creation of a more reliable system of immigration registration.

Despite the fact that recently the responsibility for the registration of foreign

citizens actually shifted to the owners of residential property, for the first time the host party, and in particular, citizens of the Russian Federation, will be given the opportunity to withdraw from the migration registration the foreign citizens in case of their departure from the place of stay/residence.



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