

# საქართველოს ახალგაზრდა იურისტთა ასოციაცია GEORGIAN YOUNG LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION



## **GYLA submitted to the Parliament opinion on the draft Police Law**

On September 26, 2013 GYLA submitted its opinion to the Parliament on the draft Police Law.

Applicable Police Law was adopted in 1998 and is outdated, while the issue of substituting it with new legislative act compatible with international standards has been on the agenda long ago. The structure of the draft is well developed. It is important that key principles of police activities have been incorporated in a separate chapter and were improved. Nevertheless, GYLA considers that the draft contains significant gaps that needs to be improved. Furthermore, we should note that amendment of the Police Law only, is insufficient for effective operation of the Police.

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It is important to alter completely the Law of Georgia on “Operation Investigative Activities”, to revise the Code of Administrative Offences, in particular of the norms that determine issue of administrative imprisonment and which come in conflict with standards enshrined in the Constitution and European Convention on Human Rights.

GYLA’s remarks concern political neutrality of the Ministry of Interior; problems related to summoning of individual and regulation of inspection-frisk; gradation of special means, rule of their utilization and gaps in terms of application of fire-arms as well as competence of the inspection general, labor rights of policemen and other problematic issues submitted in the draft. We expect that the Parliament would take GYLA’s opinions into account and would develop the draft significantly.

See GYLA’s remarks on draft Police Law in the attached document.