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REGULATING LAW** No. **82 71991 "AMENDING AND EXTENDING LAW No. 126671987 ON THE CIVIL REGISTRY", UPDATING THE FEES, CHARGES AND ALLOWANCES FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CIVIL REGISTRY, AND REPEALING DECREES Nos. 18,97172002, 115372003 AND 10,07672012.

Asunción, ÍJ of $K"H of 2015

HAVING REGARD TO: *The submission made by the Ministry of Justice, requesting the regulation of Law No. 82/1991 "Amending and extending Law No. 126d/1987 "On the Civil Registry", updating the relevant fees and charges for the Civil Registry service, and*

CONSIDERING: *That Law No. 82/1991, in Article 1, states, "Articles 14 and 17 of Law No. 1266/1987 are hereby amended and expanded, and that the aforementioned articles establish the daily rates and percentage scale of daily rates to be received by the General Directorate of the Civil Registry as fees, charges and travel expenses for the services provided by said institution, and further establishes that the fees shall be formalised with the issuance of specially authorised stamps and that travel expenses or charges shall be paid upon receipt."*

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Furthermore, Article 2 of the aforementioned legal provision states: "Article 16 of Law No. 1266/1987 is hereby repealed."

Law No. 1377/1999, "Providing for the Free Issuance of Birth Certificates and Civil Identity Cards," states in Article 1: "To provide Paraguayan nationals with the following documents free of charge: a) registration in the Civil Registry, b) issuance of a birth certificate, and c) issuance of a civil identity card to those requesting it for the first time."

Finally, Article 4 of the aforementioned Law establishes the following: "The fine established in Law No. 1266/1987 "On the Civil Registry," in Article 14, Subsection a), amended by Law No. 82/1991, and all provisions contrary to this law are hereby repealed."

That Executive Decree No. 1324 of 28 February 2014 has provided for a ten per cent (10%) increase in the minimum wages in force for the activities expressly provided for, ranked and various unspecified activities.

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That the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, in exercise of its powers, issued Resolution No. 84/2014 "Regulating the increase in minimum wages and salaries for workers throughout the territory of the Republic" in Article 1 regulates Executive Decree No. 1324 of 28 February 2014, which provides for a ten per cent (10%) increase in wages and salaries in the private sector exclusively, effective 1 March 2014.

That by Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Paraguay, No. 11 of 17 December 2009, it was decided to demonetise the 1,000-peso banknotes and all coins issued prior to 2006, in accordance with the regulatory parameters governing such cases and in accordance with the provisions of Article 42 of Law No. 489/1995 "Organic Law of the Central Bank of Paraguay," that the aforementioned banknotes and coins will remain legal tender and retain their power of cancellation for a period of one (1) year, to be calculated from the date of the last publication and considering the aforementioned resolution, among other things. "It should be noted that this measure will remove the O 10, 5 and 1 coins from circulation. As can be seen in the table above, there is no longer a large quantity of these coins in stock, with the exception of the O 5 denomination. These denominations have not been required by any sector (banks, supermarkets, transport companies, etc.) for some time and are no longer in common use in the market or in commercial transactions."

Law No. 1334/1998 "On Consumer Protection" provides in Article 10 that "The prices of products or services, including taxes, must be accurately indicated in the offer, in the legal currency of the country."

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That the General Directorate of the Civil Registry is a specialised body and that its functions should aim to serve as the coordinating hub for the efforts of the Public Administration to meet the demand for timely and efficient public services through a policy that ensures the full application of the principle of legality and, in particular, the legal certainty of facts and acts related to the civil status of individuals.

That in accordance with the aforementioned legal provisions, and in particular Article 133 of Law No. 1266/1987 "On the Civil Registry," which empowers the Executive Branch to regulate the aforementioned law, it is necessary to regulate Law No. 82/1991 "Amending and Expanding Law No. 1266/1987 "On the Civil Registry" in the relevant articles and, on that basis, adjust the amounts of the fees, charges and travel expenses of the Civil Registry.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY

DECREES:

Art. 1.- *The fees, tariffs, and travel expenses for the services provided by the Civil Registry, under the Ministry of Justice, are hereby updated. The collection of the various fees shall be formalised with the issuance of stamps specially authorised for this purpose by the Ministry of Finance, which must be affixed to the registration certificate forms and other documents, while the amounts corresponding to travel expenses or fees shall be collected by the Registry Officers against receipt, in accordance with the provisions of the law and the considerations set forth in this Decree.*

Art. 2.- *For the purposes of this Decree, the following definitions shall apply.*

a) Marriage fee: the amount of money to be collected for the celebration and registration of the marriage.

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b) Per legalisation fee. The amount of money to be charged for the legalisation of the signatures of authorised officials or registrars appearing on documents issued by the Civil Registry.

c) For issuance fees: the amount of money to be collected for the preparation, review, inspection, and issuance of certificates held in the Central Archive and in the Civil Registry Offices of the Capital and Interior of the Republic.

d) Per diem or fee: the amount of money to be received by the Registrar Officers as fees and expenses for the services and transfers performed.

***Art.** 3.- It is hereby established that the amounts in guaraníes collected as fees, tariffs or travel expenses for the services provided at the headquarters of the General Directorate of the Civil Registry and at the Registry Offices in the Capital and in the Interior of the Republic by the Registry Officers shall be set forth in the preceding articles of this Decree.*

Art. 4.- For entries in the Birth Registry Books.

a) Births or acknowledgements made at the Civil Registry Offices in the Capital and the Interior of the Republic, FREE OF CHARGE.

b) For births or acknowledgements registered outside the Civil Registry Offices, at the request of the interested parties, only the Registrar shall be charged a fee for travel expenses equivalent to one (1) minimum legal daily wage, rounded up to seventy thousand five hundred Guaraníes (G 70,500).

Art. 5.- For entries in the Death Registry for persons who have died in the national territory, NO CHARGE.

Art. 6.- For celebrations and entries in the Marriage Registry Books.

a) For citizens, as a marriage registration fee, one (1) minimum legal wage, which is rounded to seventy thousand five hundred guaraníes (Q 70,500).

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b) Performing marriage ceremonies for citizens outside normal working hours, which are Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on non-working days (Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays), at the request of the interested parties, at the expense of the applicants or at the discretion of the registry office.-00 to 15:00 hours and on non-working days (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays), at the request of the interested parties, at the expense of the applicants or sponsors, a travel allowance for the Registrar shall be charged, equivalent to four (4) times the legal minimum wage, which is equivalent to two hundred and eighty-two thousand guaraníes (O 282,000), rounded up, in addition to the fee for the ceremony and registration in the marriage registry, which is

*(1) legal minimum wage, rounded to seventy thousand five hundred guaraníes (*Dr *70,500).*

AM. 7.- For registrations in the Birth, Marriage, Death, Adoption and Citizenship (Nationality) Registers by Court Order and documents from other jurisdictions, relating to the civil *status of persons in respect of registration fees, ten per cent (10%) of the minimum legal daily wage, rounded up to seven thousand five hundred guaraníes (*Jr *7500).*

Art. 8.- For the legalisation of certificate forms or copies duly signed by authorised officials or registrars, as well as copies authenticated by authorised officials, of the records of the Birth, Marriage, Death, Adoption and Citizenship Options (nationality) held in the Central Archive of the General Directorate, the offices of the Civil Registry of the Capital and the interior of the Republic, as a legalisation fee in the Civil Registry, ten per cent (10%) of the minimum legal wage, which is rounded to seven thousand five hundred guaraníes (flf 7500).

For the issuance of copies of birth, marriage, and death records (certificates).

a) Preparation, review/legalisation and issuance of copies of records (certificates) on birth certificate forms issued free of charge to Paraguayan nationals at the time of registration and carried out at the Civil Registry

Art. 9.- Offices in the capital and elsewhere in the Republic, AT NO COST.

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b) Preparation, review, verification and issuance of forms, certificates, verbatim transcripts of birth, marriage and death records, as well as certified copies, by authorised officials, of records of births, marriages, deaths, adoptions and citizenship (nationality) options held in the Central Archive of the General Directorate of Civil Registry Offices of the Capital and the interior of the Republic, with an issuance fee of five per cent (5%) of the minimum legal wage, which is rounded to three thousand five hundred guaraníes (O 3500).

Art. 10.- *The income derived from the collection of fees described in the preceding articles of this Decree shall be deposited in an account opened at the Central Bank of Paraguay entitled "Ministry of Justice and Labour - Civil Registry Fees", payable to that Ministry. This revenue shall constitute part of the institutional resources of* the Civil *Registry and shall be used and invested exclusively in the modernisation and services provided by this institution, and* included *in the General Budget of the Nation.*

Art. 11.- *This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the* Official *Gazette*.

Art. 12 *Decrees No. 18,971 of 11 October 2002 and Decree No. 1157 of 12 December 2003, Decree No. 10,076 of 15 November 2012, and all other administrative acts contrary to the provisions of this Decree shall be rendered null and void.*

Art. 13.- *This Decree shall be countersigned by the Minister of Justice.*

Art. 14.-*Communicate, publish and insert in the Registro Oficial.*

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