

**GOVERNMENT GAZETTE OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC**

**Number FEK 204A, August 28, 2003**

**Presidential Decree Number 233**

**Protection and Aid to victims of crimes provided for in articles 323, 323A, 349, 351 and 351A of the Penal Code, mandated by article 12 of Law 3064 of 2002**

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC**

Taking into consideration:

1. The provisions of article 12 of law 3064 of 2002
2. Article 29A of Law 1558 of 1985, addendum of article 27 of Law 2081 of 1992 and supplemented by article 1 of Law 2469 of 1997
3. The decision of the Prime Minister, and the Minister of Finance on competence of Deputy Ministers of National Economy and Finance
4. That the annual cost caused by the provisions of the present can not be estimated and would be carried by the budgets of Public Services, Municipalities and Legal Entities of Public Law
5. Presidential Decree 81 of 2002 about merger of Ministries of National Economy and Finance
6. The advice of the Council of State on the draft proposed by the Ministries of Interior, Public Administration and Decentralization, National Education and Religions, Labor and Social Security, Health and Welfare, Justice, Public Order and National Economy and Finance,

We decide:

Article 1

1. Protection is offered to victims of crimes provided for in articles 323, 323A 349, 351, 351a of the Penal Code (to be called “victims”).
2. For the purposes of the present legislation, a victim is any person, Greek or foreigner, whose life, corporeal integrity, and personal and carnal liberty has suffered damage or has run an immediate risk.
3. For the purposes of the present legislation, public sector and local municipalities’ services and units that can offer protection and assistance to the victims of trafficking, are considered Services or Units of Protection and Aid.

Article 2

1. Protection and aid granted to victims who have sought shelter to Protection and Aid Services and Units referred to the annex of the present, for crimes provided for in article 1, para 1 of the present, irrespective of a criminal suit.

2. Protection is granted for as long as the danger exists and aid for the time period judged necessary by the authorities granting protection and aid.

### Article 3

Competent Ministries, Legal Entities of Public Law and Municipalities may cooperate and make agreements with Legal Entities of Public Law, Legal Entities of Private Law of non-profit character, and/or non-governmental organizations. The agreements concluded should define in detail the duties and obligations of the parties involved, the duration of the agreement and all relevant issues.

### Article 4

1. Services and units providing protection and aid must take the necessary measures for the safety of the victims and of their personnel, as well as for the safety of their premises. Protection and aid units may request help and advice on security from the Police.
2. In case there is a need to move a victim out from the shelter because his/her life, corporeal integrity, and personal and carnal liberty are in an immediate risk, assistance is provided by the police.
3. Assistance provided by the police is regulated by article 159 and 161 of Presidential Decree 141/1991).

### Article 5

Victims who are under 18 years of age have the right to attend public schools, which have or are going to have foundation and cramming classes, or intercultural curricula.

### Article 6

1. Victims who are not over 23 years of age and have the necessary enrollment qualifications may be accepted to attend vocational training schools, in excess of the number of the students usually enrolled and without observing routine procedures.
2. The “Vocational Training Company” would create special vocational training programs corresponding to the needs of victims who are 15 years of age.

### Article 7

1. Free medical and hospital care is provided to the destitute and uninsured victims by the Public Health system as long as they are under the protection of shelters.
2. The necessary certificate for free care to the victims is issued by the Police.

### Article 8

The protection and aid units provide legal assistance and translation services to the victims who do not speak Greek.

#### Article 9

1. In accordance with article 18 para 18 of Law 2503 of 1997, a special Standing Committee consisting of representatives from the Ministries of National Economy, Finance, Interior and Public Administration, Education and Religion, Labor and Social Security, Health and Welfare, Public Order and Justice and Ministry, will be created at the Ministry of Health and Welfare.
2. The scope of the Committee is to coordinate protection and aid to the victims, to issue circulars on any problems that may arise in connection to the implementation of the present, to collect statistics, and to suggest measures for the improvement of services to the victims.
3. The Committee may invite to its sessions a representative of the Standing Parliament Committee for Gender Equality and Human Rights.

#### Article 10

The present legislation will come into force on the day it appears in the Government Gazette.

### ANNEX SERVICES AND UNITS OF PROTECTION AND AID

#### MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND DECENTRALIZATION:

##### GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR GENDER EQUALITY:

- a) Counseling Center of Athens
- b) Counseling Center of Piraeus

##### MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE:

##### A) DECENTRALIZED UNITS FOR SOCIAL CARE UNDER THE REGIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE SYSTEMS

1. Children Welfare Institution "Aghios Andreas" in Kalamaki, Athens
2. Special Vocational School "Aghia Varvara" in Nea Smyrni, Athens
3. "Aghia Eleni" in Ioannina
4. "Aghios Georgios" in Kavala, Northern Greece
5. Neapoli, in Lasithi, Crete
6. "Aghia Sofia" in Magnisia, Thessalia
7. "Aghia Olga" in Florina, Northern Greece
8. Welfare Institution for Girls, in Herakleio, Crete
9. Welfare Institution for Boys in Lamia, Central Greece
10. "Papafio" Institution in Thessaloniki

11. Welfare Institution for Girls, in Rhodes

B) RECUPERATION CENTER IN PENTELEI, ATHENS

C) SOCIAL SHELTERS FOR ADULTS IN VOULIAGMENI, ATHENS

LEGAL ENTITIES OF PUBLIC LAW

National Center for Urgent Social Care (EKAKB)

Research Center for Gender Equality, Athens (KETHI)

SHELTERS OF THE MINORS PROTECTION SOCIETIES

1. Perissos Minors Protection Shelter, Athens
2. “Kalos Pimenas” shelter in Piraeus
3. Volos Minors Protection Shelter
4. Herakleion Minors Protection Shelter

The Minister of Justice is entrusted to publish and to implement the present decree and the annex of the present.

Rio, August 26, 2003

The President of the Republic

Constantine Stefanopoulos

The Ministers

Deputy Minister of National Economy and Finance, Nikos Farmakis

Education and Religions, Petros Efthymiou

Health and Welfare, K. Stefanis

Interior, Public Administration and Decentralization, K. Skandalidis

Labor and Social Security, d. Reppas

Justice, F. Petsalnikos

Public Order, G. Floridis