

ACT ON FAMILY RITE ESTABLISHMENT AND RELATED ASSISTANCE

Act No. 5837, Feb. 8, 1999
Amended by Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008
Act No. 9031, Mar. 28, 2008
Act No. 9932, Jan. 18, 2010

Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of this Act is to eradicate empty formalities and vanity and stimulate sound social morale growth through the rationalization of family rites procedures and assistance in programs and activities carried out to propagate and establish sound family rites.

[This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 9031, Mar. 28, 2008]

Article 2 (Definition)

In this Act, the term “family rites” means coming-of-age rites, wedding rites, funeral rites, ancestral memorial rites, 60th-birthday banquets, etc. which are all performed as family rites.

[This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 9031, Mar. 28, 2008]

Article 3 (Formulation and Implementation of Policies on Family Rites)

The State and a local government, to attain the purpose prescribed in Article 1, shall formulate and implement policies on the establishment of, and assistance to, family rites, including following matters:

1. Matters concerning the development, propagation, practice and support of sound family rites;
2. Research on family rites conducted by schools under each subparagraph of Article 2 of the Higher Education Act, academic institutions and organizations, etc. regarding family rites.

[This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 9031, Mar. 28, 2008]

Article 4 Deleted. *<by Act No. 9031, Mar. 28, 2008>*

Article 5 (General Standards for Sound Family Rites)

(1) The Minister of Gender Equality and Family shall make standards (hereinafter referred to as “General Standards for Sound Family Rites”) which aim to make family rites procedures performed solemnly and simply,

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in order for the people to embody the real meaning of such family rites.
⟨Amended by Act No. 9932, Jan. 18, 2010⟩

(2) Public officials, officers and employees of public institutions and organizations, and the leadership of the society shall, on their own initiative, observe the General Standards for Sound Family Rites.

(3) The Minister of Gender Equality and Family may recommend heads of state agencies, heads of local governments and heads of public institutions and organizations to work out their respective guidelines aimed at encouraging the observance of the General Standards for Sound Family Rites among public officials as well as officers and employees under their command. *⟨Amended by Act No. 9932, Jan. 18, 2010⟩*

(4) The contents of the General Standards for Sound Family Rites, and necessary matters concerning the dissemination and observance thereof shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

[This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 9031, Mar. 28, 2008]

Article 6 (Support of Subsidies)

The State and a local government may subsidize necessary expenses to private organizations or individuals that carry out projects or activities to attain the purpose prescribed for in Article 1.

[This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 9031, Mar. 28, 2008]

Article 7 (Provision of Space for Wedding Ceremonies)

Heads of state agencies, heads of local governments, heads of public institutions and organizations and presidents of national and public universities, etc. shall actively open auditoriums, conference rooms and other facilities to the public in order for the facilities to be used for wedding ceremonies, within the scope of their business with which such does not interfere.

[This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 9031, Mar. 28, 2008]

Article 8 (Honorary Family Rite Advisers)

(1) The Minister of Gender Equality and Family, a Special Metropolitan City Mayor, a Metropolitan City Mayor, a *Do* governor and the head of a *Si/Gun/Gu* (referring to the head of an autonomous *Gu*) may appoint honorary family rite advisers to advise and instruct the public with respect to family rites. *⟨Amended by Act No. 9932, Jan. 18, 2010⟩*

(2) Methods of appointing honorary family rite advisers, the scope of tasks for them, and other necessary matters shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

[This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 9031, Mar. 28, 2008]

ADDENDA

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Act shall enter into force six months after the date of its promulgation.

Article 2 (Repeal, etc. of other Acts)

The previous Family Ritual Standards Act shall hereby be repealed: *Provided*, That the provisions concerning ceremony hall business (limited to funeral hall business; hereinafter the same shall apply) from among Articles 5 through 11 and 14 of the previous Family Ritual Standards Act, and paragraph (2) and the former part of paragraph (3) of the Addenda to the amended Family Ritual Standards Act (Act No. 4637) shall apply until the amended Burial and Graveyard, etc. Act enters into force.

Article 3 (Transitional Measures concerning Family Rite Deliberative Committee)

The Family Rite Deliberative Committee which remains established pursuant to the previous provisions at the time this Act enters into force shall be deemed the Family Rite Deliberative Committee established under this Act.

Article 4 (Transitional Measures concerning Administrative Disposition)

(1) With respect to any administrative disposition (including any disposition taken to impose a penalty surcharge; hereinafter the same shall apply) taken against the act of violating the previous Family Ritual Standards Act before this Act enters into force, the previous Family Ritual Standards Act shall apply.

(2) With respect to any administrative disposition taken against the act of violating the provisions concerning ceremony hall business from among the provisions of the previous Family Ritual Standards Act until the deadline for the application of the relevant provisions under the proviso to Article 2 of the Addenda after this Act enters into force, the previous Family Ritual Standards Act shall continue to apply even after such deadline,

Article 5 (Transitional Measures concerning Penal Provisions)

(1) With respect to the application of the penal provisions to any act performed before this Act enters into force, the previous Family Ritual Standards Act shall apply: *Provided*, the foregoing shall not apply to Article 15 of the previous Family Ritual Standards Act.

(2) With respect to the application of the penal provisions to any act of violating the provisions concerning ceremony hall business from among the provisions of the previous Family Ritual Standards Act until the dead-

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line for the application of the relevant provisions under the proviso to Article 2 of the Addenda after this Act enters into force, the previous Family Ritual Standards Act shall continue to apply even after such deadline.

ADDENDA *⟨Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008⟩*

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Act shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation. (Proviso Omitted.)

Articles 2 through 7 Omitted.

ADDENDUM *⟨Act No. 9031, Mar. 28, 2008⟩*

This Act shall enter into force six months after the date of its promulgation.

ADDENDA *⟨Act No. 9932, Jan. 18, 2010⟩*

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Act shall enter into force two months after the date of its promulgation. (Proviso Omitted.)

Articles 2 through 5 Omitted.