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AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND CODE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

The Land Code of the Republic of Lithuania has been updated with significant changes effective from 1 January 2024. Some responsibilities previously held by the National Land Office will now be managed by the State Territorial Planning and Construction Inspectorate. State land will be entrusted to municipalities, empowering them to handle easements, permits, and other land management tasks.

Starting from 1 January 2024, municipalities will issue permits for:

- Temporary non-complex structures in nationally significant surface waters.
- Non-complex structures on state land without established land parcels.
- Communication and engineering network construction on state land without established land parcels.
- Temporary use of state land during construction.
- Building construction on adjacent or unallocated state land.
- Various structures on state land (e.g., hydraulic structures).

Additionally, municipalities will issue permits for local projects funded by state, municipal, or EU funds, not involving immovable property creation on state land without established parcels.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LABOUR CODE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

Amendments to the Labour Code of the Republic of Lithuania, effective 1 January, include changes to Articles 248(2), 258, 33(4), and 147(1).

New restrictions on strike actions during mobilization, emergencies, or martial law have been introduced. Lockouts are prohibited in ambulance services and emergency zones or regions under declared mobilization, martial law, emergency, or public administration.

Article 147(1) now mandates default interest payment if wages or benefits are late due to the employer's fault before employment termination. The Minister of Social Security and Labour will set the interest rate annually based on the consumer price index. Default interest calculation stops upon employer bankruptcy declaration or initiation of out-of-court bankruptcy proceedings.

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