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Starting in August, people will no longer be allowed to smoke within 30 meters of facilities such as kindergartens and schools, and those who commit insurance fraud using a car may have their driver's licenses revoked. The Ministry of Government Legislation (Minister Lee Wan-kyu) announced that a total of 170 statutes will come into effect in August. Some of the key details and implementation dates of the forthcoming statutes are as follows.

Designation of smoke-free zones within 30 meters of kindergartens, daycare centers, schools(「NATIONAL HEALTH PROMOTION ACT」, 8. 17.)

From now on, you can't smoke if you see a school in your sight. From August 17th, the area within 30 meters of the perimeter of school facilities such as kindergartens, daycare centers, and elementary, middle, and high schools will be designated as a smoke-free zone. Earlier on, the area within 10 meters of the boundary line of kindergartens and daycare centers was designated as smoke-free zones, but as of August 17th, the area within 30 meters of the boundary line will be designated as smoke-free zones, including kindergartens and daycare centers as well as school facilities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Presumption of vehicle defect when automaker fails to submit relevant data for repeated accidents of suspected defective vehicles(「MOTOR VEHICLE MANAGEMENT ACT」, 8. 14.)

Effective from August 14th, if accidents occur repeatedly with the same type of vehicle due to malfunctions contrary to the driver's intentions, and the automobile manufacturer or parts supplier fails to provide the necessary data for defect investigation, the vehicle will be presumed to have a defect. Until now, such a presumption has not been made if no casualties resulted from the accident, even if relevant data was not submitted. However, henceforth, a presumption of vehicle defect will be established if such data is not provided, regardless of whether casualties occur. If a car is found to be defective, the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport may issue an order for correction to the manufacturer for the relevant motor vehicles. If the manufacturer fails to correct the defect, it can be fined up to 3% of the vehicle's turnover. This amendment seeks to address difficulties faced by drivers who lack specialized knowledge or relevant data to demonstrate manufacturer fault in accidents suspected of involving vehicle defects, and to further reinforce the responsibility of vehicle and parts manufacturers.

The revocation or suspension of driving license for insurance fraud committed with motor vehicles(「ROAD TRAFFIC ACT」, 8. 14.)

If you commit insurance fraud, such as intentionally causing a traffic accident by using a motor vehicle or a motorcycle as a tool or place of crime, your driver's license will be revoked or suspended. If you are convicted of habitual insurance fraud or attempts of habitual insurance fraud, your driving license will be revoked, and if you are

convicted of insurance fraud or attempts of insurance fraud, your driving license will be suspended for 100 days as a result of 100 penalty points.

The Prohibition against paid counseling through online interactive channels such as social media and open chat rooms by quasi-investment advisory business entities(「FINANCIAL INVESTMENT SERVICES AND CAPITAL MARKETS ACT」, 8. 14.)

As of August 14th, quasi-investment advisory business entities will be prohibited from conducting one-on-one investment consultations via interactive social networking services(SNS) such as 'YouTube' and 'open chat rooms'. A investment advisory business is a business that provides investment judgment or advice on financial investment products at a cost. In line with the original intention of quasi-investment advisory business, providing impersonal investment advice to unspecified people, they will only be able to provide advice through chat rooms, messages, and alert talks without a reply function. This is a measure to prevent fraud associated with so-called 'illegal leading rooms'. Moving forward, 'stock leading rooms' that operate through online interactive channels on a paid membership basis will only be allowed for investment advisory business entities that are subject to investor protection regulations.

Providing support for the cost of fertility treatment with Chinese medicine(「MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH ACT」, 8. 7.)

From August 7th, the support for overcoming subfertility will include subsidization of expenses for oriental medical treatments. According to the revised provisions, costs for subfertility treatments through oriental medicine in accordance with the Oriental Medicine Promotion Act will

now be eligible for support. Previously, support for such treatments was available under local municipal ordinances. However, this amendment is significant as it provides a legal basis for such support under the Mother and Child Health Act.

The new statutes and the reasons for their enactment, including those stated above, can be found at Korean Law Information Center(www.law.go.kr).

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