

Useful Information on Crossing State Border of Georgia:

CRIMINAL CODE OF GEORGIA

Article 344. Illegal Crossing of State Border of Georgia

1. Illegal crossing of the state border of Georgia, - shall be punishable by fine or by imprisonment from three to five years in length.
2. The action envisaged by the first part of this Article, committed:
 - a) by a group;
 - b) under violence or threat of such violence, - shall be punishable by imprisonment from four to five years in length.

Note: This article shall not apply to the citizens of foreign countries or stateless persons, who enter Georgia and seek asylum from the Government in accordance with the Constitution of Georgia, if his/her action bears no signs of other crimes. This article shall not also apply to a person, if he/she has committed the mentioned action due to being a victim of trafficking in human beings, before obtaining the status of a victim of trafficking in human beings.

Article 344¹. Illegal Transfer of Migrant on State Border of Georgia and/or Creation of Relevant Conditions for his/her Illegal Stay in Georgia

1. Illegal transfer of the migrant on the state border of Georgia and/or creation (facilitation) of relevant conditions for his/her stay in Georgia in breach of the rules established by the legislation, - shall be punishable by imprisonment from two to five years in length.
2. The same action, committed:
 - a) repeatedly;
 - b) towards two or more persons;
 - c) by endangering life or health of the migrant;
 - d) by inhuman or degrading treatment towards the migrant, including his/her exploitation;
 - e) by using fraudulent documents, - shall be punishable by imprisonment from five to eight years in length.
3. The action envisaged by the first or second part of this Article:
 - a) committed by an organized group;
 - b) which has caused death of the migrant or other grave consequences, - shall be punishable by imprisonment from eight to fifteen years in length.

Note: Legal person shall be punishable by deprivation of the right to work or liquidation and fine, for the action envisaged by this Article.