REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

LAW

ON REHABILITATION OF PERSONS REPRESSED FOR RESISTANCE TO THE OCCUPYING $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Regime}}^1$

The Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania,

stating that the resistance of the people of Lithuania to aggression and occupying regimes did not contradict the national and international law,

emphasising that repressions against such persons were carried out by the USSR courts and other bodies not related to court, the courts of Nazi Germany and local courts, as well as the courts of the former Lithuanian SSR,

endeavouring to eliminate the consequences of repressions and to restore justice,

resolves:

1. To declare that the people of Lithuania who were sentenced or imprisoned out of court by repressive bodies, or their freedom was curtailed under the Criminal Code of the RSFSR (1926), the criminal laws of other USSR republics, criminal regulations of Nazi Germany or local laws (1941-1944) for resistance to aggression and occupying regimes, and also were deported from Lithuania in 1940-1953 and sentenced under Articles 62, 63, 66-68, 70, 73, 79-82, 88, 89, 199(1), 210, 211 of the Criminal Code of the former Lithuanian SSR, both in Lithuania and outside its boundaries, are innocent before the Republic of Lithuania and all their civil rights are hereby restored.

The Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania assesses the struggle of the participants in the resistance movement as the expression of a nation's right to selfdefense.

2. The provision of Paragraph 1 hereof shall not be applied to persons who participated in the acts genocide, as well as in the massacre and torture of unarmed civilians.

3. Certificates concerning the sentence, imprisonment, deportation or other curtailing of freedom shall be issued to persons referred to in Paragraph 1 hereof by:

a) the Supreme Court of the Republic of Lithuania -- to persons repressed by court institutions;

b) the procuracy of the Republic of Lithuania -- to persons repressed out of court;

c) the Ministry of Internal Affairs -- to deportees.

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¹ Source: <u>http://www.litlex.lt/Litlex/eng/Frames/Laws/Documents/128.HTM</u>

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