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**ON AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS
TO THE LAW ON POLICE**

OF THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

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Article 1. The following amendments shall be made to the Law of Georgia on Police (Messenger of the Parliament of Georgia, 9, 1993, Article 187).

1. Article 12 of the Law of Georgia on Police:

a) Paragraph 1:

a.a) The first sentence shall read as follows:

1. While performing official duties, in order to protect public order and security, fight against crime and actions dangerous for public safety, the police shall have a right to use specific tools, such as: handcuffs and other retention tools, non-lethal weapons (including non-lethal shells), rubber batons, tear-gas, pepper gas, acoustical equipment, sound-and-light equipment for psychological impact, equipment for destruction of obstacles and coercive stoppage of transport, water jets, armored cars and other special vehicles, special paints, tasks dogs and horses, electrical equipment.

a.b) Subparagraph (c) shall be formulated as follows:

“(c) tear-gas, pepper gas, acoustical equipment and non-lethal weapon (including non-lethal shells) – shall be applied in order to repulse an attack against civilians, policemen, protected facilities; also in order to suppress mass and group violations of public order; while arresting a person who has committed a crime or actions dangerous for public safety or in order to force such a person to leave an occupied transport or a building used by the offender as a shelter”;

b) Paragraph 6 shall be added after Paragraph 5:

“6. The rules and procedures for usage of specific weapons shall be approved by order of the Minister of Internal Affairs”.

Article 2. Within one month after enactment of this law the Ministry of Internal Affairs shall issue an order on approval of rules and procedures for usage of specific weapons.

Article 3. The law shall come into force immediately upon its publication.