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## Developing Distance Businesses in the Republic of Moldova: Understanding the Law for Amending Certain Normative Acts

The Covid-19 pandemic has forced businesses worldwide to adopt digital tools to continue their operations while maintaining social distancing measures. The Republic of Moldova is no exception, as the government is currently working on a draft law for amending certain normative acts to promote the development of distance businesses in the country. In this article, we'll take a closer look at this initiative, the rationale behind it, and the proposed changes to the normative acts.

## 1) Introduction

The Republic of Moldova, like many other countries, has been dealing with the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. The virus has disrupted traditional business processes, leading to a growing interest in distance businesses. In response, the government is working on a draft law for amending certain normative acts to promote the development of distance businesses in the country. This article will delve into the details of this initiative.

## 2) What is the draft decision on approving the draft law for amending certain normative acts?

On 13.02.2023, with the registration number at the State Chancellery: 94/ME/2023, the draft decision on approving the draft law for amending certain normative acts was published. The initiative is called "Developing Distance Businesses in the Republic of Moldova/Contactless Business in Moldova," and it aims to establish the legal framework for electronic notarial activity in Moldova. The proposed law introduces the legal regime of the electronic notarial act, the requirements for the authorization and registration of notaries who intend to carry out electronic notarial activity, the rules of procedure for communication at a distance between notaries and signatories of notarial acts through electronic means of communication, and technical adjustments to the Law on Notarial Procedure to allow for the circulation of electronic documents alongside paper documents in notarial procedures.

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