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# Legislative Updates

## From the National Assembly of Korea

Key Bills Passed in October 2026





### Amendment to the Occupational Safety and Health Act

The National Assembly passed an amendment to the Occupational Safety and Health Act to strengthen workplace safety oversight, introduce penalties for serious safety violations, and expand workers' work stoppage rights.

- **Workplace Safety Committee:** Establishes a committee within the Ministry of Employment and Labor to review and coordinate occupational safety policies and accident prevention measures.
- **Financial Penalties:** Employers whose safety and health violations result in three or more worker deaths within one year may face surcharges of up to 5% of operating profit or, under specified circumstances, up to KRW 3 billion.
- **Work Stoppage Rights:** Expands work stoppage request rights, including for subcontracted workers, and broadens the conditions under which workers may stop work.
- **Construction Business Registration:** Allows the Minister of Employment and Labor to request the revocation of a construction company's registration if it faces another suspension after receiving at least two suspensions for fatal workplace accidents within three years.

### Amendment to the Game Industry Promotion Act

The National Assembly passed an amendment to the Game Industry Promotion Act to clarify the responsibilities of overseas game companies operating in Korea and strengthen requirements for appointing domestic representatives.

- **Domestic Representatives:** Requires companies to appoint qualified domestic representatives, including Korean subsidiaries, entities under their control, or other eligible organizations capable of fulfilling regulatory obligations.
- **Enforcement Measures:** Authorizes restrictions or suspension of access to information and communications networks for failure to comply with corrective orders related to domestic representative requirements or probability-based in-game item disclosures.
- **Administrative Fines:** Establishes fines for failing to appoint qualified representatives, violating supervisory obligations, or failing to submit required information or providing false information without justifiable grounds.



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# **Key Developments in the National Assembly:** October 2026



## Oct. 1

- The National Assembly passed 65 bills at a plenary session, including amendments to the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Game Industry Promotion Act, and the Animal Protection Act.

## Oct. 2

- National Assembly Speaker Cho Jeong-sik met with Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, Moderator of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches (WCC).

## Oct. 6

- The National Assembly began its 2026 annual parliamentary audit of government agencies.
- Speaker Cho Jeong-sik departed for an official visit to Italy, Croatia, and Greece.

## Oct. 7

- Speaker Cho visited the Vatican and requested continued attention and support for peace on the Korean Peninsula and World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul.

## Oct. 15

- Speaker Cho met with former U.S. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy to discuss strengthening the U.S.–ROK alliance and establishing channels for inter-parliamentary communication.

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