

ACT
of 7 July 1994
BUILDING LAW¹⁾

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Dziennik Ustaw 2011, No. 32, item 159, No. 45, item 235, No. 94, item 551, No. 135, item 789)

Chapter 1. General Provisions

Article 1. The Act – Building Law, hereinafter referred to as “the Act”, shall regulate the activity which consists in design, construction, maintenance and demolition of building objects and govern the rules of activity of the public administration authorities in these areas.

Article 2. 1. The Act shall not apply to mining workings.

2. The provisions of this Act shall not prejudice other separate provisions, in particular those:

1) of the Geological and Mining Law – with regard to the building objects of mining plants;

2) of the Water Law – with regard to water facilities;

3) on protection of monuments and preservation of monuments – with regard to objects and areas entered into the register of monuments and objects covered by monument conservation protection pursuant to the local spatial development plan.

Article 3. Whenever the Act refers to the following:

1) building object – it shall mean:

a) a building together with technical installations and facilities,

b) a structure being a technical and usable object together with installations and facilities,

c) a small architectural object;

2) building – it shall mean such a building object which is permanently connected to the ground, separated in spatial terms by means of building partitions and has foundations and a roof;

2a) single-family residential building – it shall mean a detached building or a semi-detached building, terraced building or building within a group, which serves to satisfy housing needs, constitutes an independent constructional unit and in which it is admissible to isolate not more than two living accommodations or one living accommodation and business premises whose total area does not exceed 30% of the total area of the building;

3) structure – it shall mean any building object which is neither a building nor a small architectural object, such as: linear objects, airports, bridges, railroad bridges, viaducts, tunnels, culverts, technical facilities networks, free-standing aerial masts, free-standing advertising structures permanently connected to the ground, earthen structures, defence structures (fortifications), protection structures, hydraulic engineering structures, reservoirs, free-standing industrial installations or technical facilities, sewage-treatment plants, waste dumping sites, water treatment plants, back-up structures, pedestrian bridges and pedestrian subways, land