

# SERGEY GORDEYEV, SENATOR FROM PERM TERRITORY, IS CONCERNED WITH STATE CONTROL OF CULTURAL HERITAGE PROPERTIES

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Sergey Gordeyev, Senator from the Perm Territory, President, Russian Avantgarde Foundation, introduced in the Federation Council Commission on Culture a parliamentary inquiry to Vladimir Putin, the Russian Federation Government Chairman, concerning working out statutes aimed at enforcing the Federal law «On Cultural Heritage Properties (Historical and Cultural Monuments) of RF Peoples.» The Federation Council has endorsed the inquiry.

Within 6 months after it coming into effect a number of statutes should have been worked out aimed at enforcing the «Cultural Heritage» law. But even now (with the law having come into effect on June 25, 2002) its requirements have not been met. As a result, actually no legal base exists yet which is necessary to regulate the legal relations in the sphere of preserving, using, promoting the cultural heritage properties and placing them under state protection. In particular, the lacking documents include: an approved format for a cultural heritage property passport or certificate; procedures for the state control of preservation, use and promotion of cultural heritage properties; procedures for setting discount rentals and determining their amounts for cultural heritage properties in cases where their tenants themselves invest in preserving such monuments; procedures for paying compensations to owners of cultural heritage properties; regulations on the unified state register of monuments, and a number of other by-laws.

According to the Senator from Perm, the Federal law in fact does not work. That is why it has been decided to request from the Government information on the measures taken to prepare the required statutes. ■

