

ABSTRACTS

It is prescribed in the Korean Copyright Act about non-protectable works as follows ;

Article 7 (Works, etc. Not Protected)

No work which falls under any of the following subparagraphs shall be protected under this Act:

1. Constitution, Acts, treaties, orders, municipal ordinances and municipal rules;
2. Bulletins, public notifications, directives and others similar to them which are issued by the State or local governments;
3. Judgments, decisions, orders, or adjudications of courts, as well as resolutions and decisions made by the administrative appeals procedures, or other similar procedures;
4. Compilations or translations of those as referred to in subparagraphs 1 through 3 which are produced by the State or local governments;
5. Current news reports which transmit simple facts; and
6. Speeches delivered at an open session of courts, the National Assembly or local councils.

It is too restrictive for the people to use the Korean government works. So, I think that Article 7 must be amended in accordance with Korean social phenomenon.

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