China’s National People’s Congress Latest Work Plan Includes Patent and Copyright Law Amendments in 2020

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There are 29 laws undergoing a first review:

1. Decision on establishing and improving the legal system and enforcement mechanism of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to safeguard national security (passed)

2. Decision on comprehensively prohibiting illegal wildlife trade, eradicating the abuse of wild animals, and effectively guaranteeing the health and safety of the people (passed)

3. Animal Epidemic Prevention Law (Revised) (already submitted for review)

4. **Copyright Law (Revision) (already submitted for review)**

5. Law of the People’s Armed Police (Revised) (already submitted for review)

6. Organic Law of the National People’s Congress (Revision), Rules of Procedure of the National People’s Congress (Revision)

7. Electoral Law of the National People’s Congress and Local People’s Congresses at all levels (revised)

8. National Flag Law (Revision), National Emblem Law (Revision)

9. Administrative Penalty Law (Revision)

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14. Frontier Health and Quarantine Law (Revision)

15. Infectious Disease Prevention Law (Revision), Emergency Response Law (Revision)

16. Military Service Law (Revision)

17. Safety Production Law (Revision)

18. Criminal Law Amendment (11)
19. Ombudsman Act
20. Land Border Law

21. **Personal Information Protection Law**
22. **Data Security Law**

23. Village Promotion Promotion Act
24. Futures Law
25. Hainan Free Trade Port Law
26. Social Assistance Law
27. Retired Army Support Law
28. Legal Aid Law
29. Anti-Organized Crime Law

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