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Anti-Strasbourg Bill Delayed

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The State Duma decided Thursday to delay debate on a bill that would let the country ignore rulings by the European Court of Human Rights.

The bill submitted by Federation Council Deputy Speaker Alexander Torshin would free Russian courts of the need to reconsider their rulings if the Strasbourg-based court finds they breach a European rights convention.

The Duma was to consider the bill Friday, but the house leadership decided Thursday to take it off the agenda saying it needs more work. No date has been set for debate.

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