

ABSTRACT

Topic of my thesis „Legal and social regulation of alcoholism“ is a very comprehensive, wide and large topic. Alcohol and addiction to it is as old as the human kind. Danger of this legal drug lies mainly in its availability both economic and legal.

I have divided my work into 5 chapters. In the first chapter, I am looking into the phenomenon of alcohol. The chapter is divided into 5 sub-chapters, where I gradually explain the definition of alcohol, metabolism of alcohol, consumption of alcohol in the Czech Republic. The forth sub-chapter deals with possible consequences of excessive consumption of alcohol. Those consequences may lie in somatic damage, which is analysed in the first part of this sub-chapter, as well as mental damage, which is dealt with in the second part of this sub-chapter. The fifth sub-chapter is dedicated to the history of alcohol.

The following chapter deals with the addiction to alcohol. I am introducing individual types of addiction and stages of intoxication with alcohol. This chapter has 2 sub-chapters. The first one is dedicated to stages of intoxication with alcohol and the following sub-chapter is dedicated to the history of treatment of alcoholism in our country.

In the next chapter, I am trying to explain the term of prevention and treatment of alcoholism. I am introducing each type of prevention (primary, secondary, tertiary) and I am characterising their basic aim as well. This is included in the first three sub-chapters. We are going to look into the possible ways of treatment of alcoholism. The forth sub-chapter is dedicated to this issue and it is divided into two parts. First of them deals with out-patient treatment and the second one characterises the inpatient treatment. This chapter finishes with the summary of act no. 379/2005 about provisions leading to protection against damage caused by tobacco products, alcohol and other addictive substances and about changes of related acts. This legal regulation creates legal framework of prevention and treatment. Furthermore, I am introducing the act no.20/1966 about public health care, as subsequently amended.

Chapter 4 “law and alcohol” includes the development of legislation in our country. In five sub-chapters I am introducing individual regulations related to the issue of alcohol, alcoholism. In the first sub-chapter I am as well focusing on prohibition

which is mostly connected with the United States.

The last chapter looks into the problem of advertisement of alcoholic drinks. It is divided in three sub-chapters. In the first sub-chapter, I am trying to define the term of advertisement as specifically advertisement is one of the main elements influencing our conceit of alcohol. The other two parts are dedicated to regulations, specifically act no. 40/1995, about regulation of advertisement and act no. 231/2001, about radio and television broadcasting. I am bringing forward those provisions which set rules as well as regulation of advertisement.

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alcohol - alkohol

addiction to alcohol – závislost na alkoholu

alcohol and law – alkohol a zákon