

Summary

My diploma thesis is concentrated on the Czech gaming law, especially on Lottery Act number 202/1990.

This topic is interesting because of its controversy due to the large revenues are involved in it. It has been a subject of a public discussion for a long time. The goal of my thesis is to analyze the structure of gaming law in the Czech Republic within a special focus on the card game Poker.

My thesis can also be comprehended as a contribution to the actual debate about the necessity of legislative changes in this legal field.

The thesis is split in to two main parts; the first part contains four chapters. First chapter deals with a general introduction to the history of gambling. The second one describes the "Bet and game" provision in the Czech civil code with a special subchapter concerning the new civil code, which is being prepared now. Third chapter is an analytical centre of my study where I describe the Czech gaming law in general as well as the main conditions to gain a game license and basic rules of running the gambling business in the Czech Republic. In the last part of this chapter I mention current draft of new gaming Act, which is being processed by Ministry of Finance. The fourth chapter deals with the criminal regulation connected with the gaming law. The fifth chapter focuses on poker game where I describe the conditions of license and running the business particularly in the case of a casino, a poker club and at least an online poker.

As an outcome of my research has been taken in account insufficient layout of the current Lottery Act such as incoherent structure, dissimilar conditions of entrepreneurs and problematic paragraph No. 50 sec. 3 capable unreasonable strong competences to The Ministry of Finance at the expense of single municipalities, what is among others reason of an adaptation the new Lottery Act. The new Lottery Act should also contain provisions regulating new technologies in lottery games and solves the problem with online betting. It is important to make a clear border between bet and games regulated by the Lottery Act and the others. I suggest establish a tough financial ceiling for bet and games.

Making decision is advisable in the case of card game poker, if poker will be regulated by the new Lottery Act or not. The general discussion about this theme has two major insights. On the first side stand Ministry of Finance and Casinos with their opinion about necessary regulation of poker by new Lottery Act and the second side where Poker clubs and

some players stand and claim the poker is not gamble, poker is a sport. The new Lottery Act will be formed depending on how these two sides will build their compromise.