

## **Abstract:**

This thesis aims to analyze legislation of the Czech legal order concerning religious freedom. The work is divided in 4 parts.

The first part of the thesis deals with the definition of religious freedom in the first place. Afterwards the thesis describes the Constitutional law relating to the religious freedom (especially the Article No. 15 and No. 16 of the Charter of the Fundamental Rights and Freedoms of the Czech Republic), international conventions relating to the theme (e.g. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights etc.) and further statutory provisions and legislative rules guaranteeing religious freedom in the Czech Republic. Major part of the thesis relating to the statutory provisions and legislative rules deals with the act No. 3/2002 Coll., on Freedom of religion and the status of churches and religious societies, as amended. The act No. 3/2002 Coll. constitutes basis of regularization of the freedom of religion in the Czech Republic. Various provisions of the act No. 3/2002 Coll. were subject to review of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic due to their unconstitutionality.

The second part of the thesis discusses various decisions of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic pursuing the infringement of religious freedom. Selected judgements of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic mentioned in the thesis relate to the infringement of individual religious freedom and the infringement of collective religious freedom.

The part of this thesis relative to current issues of religious freedom with regard to the problematic of clothing and covering up of the human body are evaluated on judgments of the European courts and the ECHR heeding especially to their arguments and persuasive interpretation of Article 9 ECHR.