Summary – Crime Related to Substance Abuse

This diploma thesis deals with the phenomena of drugs from the criminal law point of view. This topic represents a danger for a lot of domains, eg. criminality, therefore it is necessary to pay appropriate attention to it.

The first chapter is introductory and it defines the basic terminology concerning drug problem.

The next chapter looks at the drugs in international dimension. It focuses on international treaties handling narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, which affected legislation in the Czech republic, especially by those adopted in the United Nations. I briefly mention overall situation in the Czech republic after 1989.

The third chapter describes the evolution of legislation from the time of Austro-Hungarian empire until the times of new criminal code.

The principal part of my diploma thesis concerns primary and secondary aspects of drug-related crime. The fourth chapter is a detailed analysis of drug crimes according to criminal code N° 40/2009 Coll. Analysis of the individual merits follows after defining common features of these crimes. This chapter also reflects the Constitutional court decision. This decision cancels part of criminal code that enabled government to determine in its regulation the quantity of the drug which is to be treated punishable. The secondary drug-related crime is needed to be solved from the academic point of view, therefore the fifth chapter relates to this problem.

The sixth chapter illustrates certain alternative methods of punishments for drug-addicted persons, including options of treatment.

The last two chapters highlight current situation in the drug phenomena domain. The seventh chapter includes the determination of the possible solutions to the concept of drug issues. The eighth chapter gives basic overview of data, which should inform about the situation in the Czech republic. The diploma thesis comes out of the Drug issue status annual report in the Czech republic. The last chapter describes the situation all over Europe and it highlights the danger connected to the synthetic drugs problem.

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