

# Summary

## **Crime relating to the abuse of addictive substances**

Crime relating to the abuse of addictive substances is still a current legal issue. It is a very broad topic including many different questions, namely illegal alcohol production, crimes committed by drug users to get money to pay for their addiction or crimes committed on drug users. However, the purpose of my thesis is to analyse drug offences in the Czech Penal law.

In the first chapter of this work, I briefly describe the division of drugs into specific groups based on common features and also provide some information concerning origin, usage and effects of the most known substances. Second chapter deals with the history of legal regulation of crimes relating to the abuse of non-alcoholic drugs, because existing legislation is in many ways based on it. In this legal area, our country is still bound by several international conventions and I have incorporated them in this chapter too. Finally, this chapter includes some basic information about our new penal code.

The merit of this thesis is contained in chapters 3 – 7. There, substantive rules of drug offences according to articles 283 – 287 of the penal code are analyzed using the commentary on the penal law, articles of legal experts, and especially jurisprudence. In these chapters, I direct my attention to some new aspects brought to our penal law by current penal code (like a new offence called “Illegal cultivation of plants containing narcotic or psychotropic substances for personal use of an amount greater than small” according to article 285 of the penal code) and the way that Supreme Court of the Czech Republic dealt with some arguable legal issues.

Related topics, e.g. new synthetic drugs or issue of cannabis shops, are discussed together with that drug offence to which they are the closest. In these cases I have used other sources such as relevant Internet news sites.

I have dedicated the end of this thesis to categorizing criminal offences associated with the use of addictive substances, e.g. criminal offence of intoxication according to article 360 of the penal code.

I believe that my work will be a modest contribution to the debate on the issue of substance abuse.