ABSTRACT

The thesis deals with the alternative punishments with focus on the house arrest sentence. This type of punishment was introduced as part of the criminal sanctions system by the Penal Code which came into force on 1st January 2010.

The aim of this thesis is to summarize the valid and effective legislation regarding the house arrest sentence, to evaluate its advantages and disadvantages and to propose potantial improvements to the current legislation.

The first part of this thesis is divided into three chapters (1-3) which give a brief summary of the basic and concurrently most important terms such as punishment and its purpose, alternative punishments, restorative justice and its principles etc. The first part of the thesis ends with the analysis of the development of alternative punishments in our legislation.

The second part of the thesis concentrates in detail on the issue of the house arrest sentence legislation. It is divided into four chapters (5-8), whose objective is a comprehensive analysis of the valid and effective legislation, comparison of the Czech legislation to the foreign legislation with regard to the house arrest sentence, the issue of supervision of the execution of the house arrest sentence and its advantages and disadvantages.