

## Summary

My thesis is focused on crime related to the abuse of addictive substances. It is a broad topic, because the abuse of addictive substances brings with it a whole range of social, health and economic problems and binds a wide range of criminal activities. The aim of my thesis is to analyze the body of each drug offence, related case law and current issues of the drug problem in the Czech Republic.

The first chapter defines the basic terms associated with drug issues.

The following chapter deals with the classification of drugs and their effects. It classifies drugs as legal and illegal, and lists their most harmful psychological, social and health risks. This chapter helps us to make a picture about the most commonly abused drugs in our country.

The third and fourth chapters provide a general introduction to the topic of drug offences and describe the background of their current legislation.

The merit of my thesis is contained in chapters 5 – 9. Each chapter focuses on a specific drug offence, as they are enshrined in sections 283 – 287 of the Criminal Code. All attributes of the facts of the crimes and qualified facts of the crimes are described in this chapters.

The tenth chapter discusses the common provisions of the section 289 of the Criminal Code and the reasons for its recent partial annulment by the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic.

Moreover, in every chapter, I am paying a special attention to the most recent challenges related to each crime. What is more, I specifically focused on the extent of the drug related crime. The deeper analysis is based on the case law of The Supreme Court of the Czech Republic. Furthermore, I am dealing with the current boom of abusing the new synthetic drugs and also with the question whether to legalize cannabis as a medicament. Even though I perceive the new legislation as a positive change, I am also warning about its shortcomings. In relation to Chapter 9 I am analyzing the operation of so called growshops.

In the end of my thesis, I summarize and evaluate the facts gathered in this work and I am also suggesting some *de lege ferenda* proposals.