

#### SUMMARY

**Kyrbiatiev O.O. Criminal-legal protection of professional activity of law enforcement officers under legislation of some foreign countries.** The article analyzes the experience of countries in the field of criminal law protection of professional activity of law enforcement officers; proposals were made for its harmonization with domestic law-making and law enforcement, in particular regarding the criminalization of the threat of dismissal.

Direct, apparent neglect of citizen's freedoms is not the only reason for imperfection in the country's legal system. An important point of non-fulfillment of the law (including the so-called fundamental human rights) is tradition of selectivity of the legal consciousness, which was recorded by soviet researchers in 1974. When they gave generalized indicators of citizen's solidarity to the criminal law in comparison with the criminal procedure law, it was established that the indicators of solidarity by criminal law are ten times higher. In other words, the mass consciousness regarded the repressive aspect of law as more important than the guarantee of it. Today law-abiding Ukrainian citizens, as in USSR, imagine themselves as victims more easily than the accused. This is precisely the reason for legal nihilism of many citizens, the negative attitude to the right of the accused to qualified protection, to the presumption of innocence. A serious cause of defective law enforcement in the sphere of human rights in Ukraine is the post-totalitarian tradition as the use of the lower level of regulations-provisions and recommendations of department legal act – not international obligations of the state of Ukraine, not clear provisions of the Constitution and even not requirements of the law.

In fact, there is situation, when the higher authorities, the prosecutor's office and the court force law enforcement officers to constantly feel their inferiority, little significance, disability. They are obligated to write statements about the malicious disobedience as an administrative offense, when during fulfillment of official duties received bodily injuries, spoiled uniform, which was purchased by their own expense.

It is only one side of the medal, but bigger and more important. Indeed, the behavior of individual law enforcement officers provokes others to actively counteract, until the non-recognition of police officer as a person who endowed with authority, more often through disrespect to the state, but in essence to himself first of all. Active part of the society, who more likely to hinder the proper fulfillment of a law enforcement officer's duties, perfectly knows its rights and requires their immediately implementation, but reminder about its duties is mainly caused aggression.

It is worth remembering that the public order starts with you, from the simple things, like, will not pass through the road to the forbidden sign of traffic lights, will clean up for the your pet after walk in the park, will throw garbage only in the urn etc. Only after that, when biggest part of the society will follow these elementary rules, we can talk about overcoming the crisis of trust to authority at all and to officers in particular. Unfortunately, so far this is not present, that is why scientific search of optimal system of criminal legal protection of professional activity of law enforcement officers is expediency.

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