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The National Legislation of Ukraine in the Sphere of Combating Crimes Against Morality

One of the conditions of state formation and normal development of the country is the protection of public morality and values of every person exposed to constant diverse influence, including, the devastating one. Law enforcement and government authorities carry out activities to protect public morality and values of every person, and this work is reflected in the relevant laws and regulatory legal acts that change and adapt to current circumstances. Understanding by the counteraction subjects of the peculiarities of legal support determines the effectiveness of their work in protection of public morality and values, confirming the importance of monitoring legislative support to combat unlawful acts that infringe morality.

In Ukraine, government and law enforcement agencies, and nongovernmental organizations are working to protect morality of citizens exercised in compliance with applicable laws, including specially adopted legal acts. A separate law on protection of morality does not exist, but the legal basis of combating crimes against morality includes the Constitution of Ukraine, some of the laws and other legal acts. Into this list, first of all, should be included the Criminal Code of Ukraine, Laws of Ukraine «On Protection of Public Morality» and «On Combating of Human Trafficking».

The Law of Ukraine «On Protection of Public Morality» stipulates that violation of the norms of legislation of Ukraine on protection of public morality, the conditions of circulation of goods, entertainment of sexual nature and distribution of products that contain elements of pornography entails responsibility, including criminal. However, the Criminal Code of Ukraine does not define a particular crime or crimes

against public morality, instead its Chapter XII of Special Section provides for crimes against public order and morality. To harmonize the Law of Ukraine «On Protection of Public Morality» with the Criminal Code of Ukraine in this part, the author offers to make reasonable amendments to the mentioned legal norm.

The results of the study can be used in the improvement of national legislation of Ukraine on combating crimes against morality, to raise awareness of legal support peculiarities of the fight against these crimes by stakeholders, and also at conducting further research in this sphere.

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