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## LEGAL STATUS OF POLICE OFFICERS IN UKRAINE AND WAYS OF ITS IMPROVEMENT

Despite the imperfect activities of the police, society still requires it to provide quality police services, protect people from crime, create safe living conditions. For the most part, it depends on the state directly, on the legislative consolidation of the legal status of the police and the police, on guaranteeing their rights and responsibilities, on supporting society in their daily activities. Therefore, bringing the legal status of police to international standards is an urgent problem that must be addressed immediately for the effective protection of life, health, rights and freedoms of citizens of Ukraine, foreign citizens, stateless persons, crime, public order, property and public safety in Ukraine.

Research article examines the problematic issues of the legal status of police officers in Ukraine. After analyzing the different opinions of scientists, it is suggested to define the legal status of a person as a legally enshrined position of a person in society and the state, which is manifested in the set of rights, freedoms and responsibilities defined and guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of Ukraine.

The system of elements of the legal status of the person has been defined, which includes: rights, freedoms, duties, guarantees, legal personality, status legal norms, responsibility.

The own understanding of the legal status of the police officer as a special, generic type of human legal status is offered. This is a set of enshrined in the legislation of Ukraine and state-guaranteed rights, duties, guarantees of activity and

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responsibility of the police as a special legal entity that implements specific tasks of the state – protection of life, health, rights and freedoms of citizens of Ukraine, foreign citizens, stateless persons, crime prevention, protection of public order, property and public safety.

The content of the elements of the legal status of a police officer – status legal norms has been revealed; special legal personality; rights and responsibilities of a police officer; guarantees of professional activity of the policeman; police responsibility; restrictions and prohibitions related to the service.

As a result of the research, ways to improve the legal status of police officers in Ukraine by introducing certain provisions into the current legislation of Ukraine have been proposed.

**Keywords:** police officers, legal status, special legal personality of police officers, rights and responsibilities of police officers, guarantees of activity, responsibility of police officers.

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