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**GENESIS AND HISTORICAL ORIGINS OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT
AND PROBLEMS OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF UKRAINIAN
LEGISLATION ON ITS IMPOSITION AND DEPARTURE**

Research article is devoted to the study of the institution of life imprisonment, periods of its formation and development, identification of certain gaps in national legislation and its law enforcement, regulation of the procedural procedure for sentencing and execution of a court verdict on its appointment, review and serving, and further optimization, humanization and approximation to European and world international standards of Ukrainian legislation in a particular sphere.

The introduction of the institution of life imprisonment in national legislation clearly indicates a change in the priorities of state policy and strategies in this area, its further optimization and humanization, approximation to European and world civilized international standards.

At the same time, over the past 20 years there have been many changes in the practice of appointment, execution and serving of this type of criminal punishment,

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which highlighted certain gaps in their legislative regulation and law enforcement of the components of this institution.

Among the extremely difficult problems of issuing and enforcing court decisions in the form of life imprisonment are increasingly highlighted problems of legal, personnel, financial and logistical format, lack of proper conditions for detention, lack of scientifically sound concept of the improvement of the mechanisms of an execution of this type of punishment, standards of treatment of prisoners and convicts, constant numerous complaints of the latter about the violation of their rights to the European Court of Human Rights, the inability of a person sentenced to life imprisonment to be released by pardon or parole, restrictions on the implementation of prisoners and convicts life imprisonment of constitutional rights, freedoms and responsibilities, etc.

The name of the very concept of “life imprisonment” does not seem perfect enough.

This publication highlights a significant part of them and the authors’ vision of some options for ways to solve these problems, taking into account international and foreign experience.

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