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STATE OFFICIALS WITHIN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AGENCIES OF UKRAINE

Based on the analysis of existing developments in the field of state service, the issue of belonging police officers to the category of state officials is researched; the essence of the concept “state officials within internal affairs agencies” is formulated.

The status of state officials found its expression in the Art. 9 (“Peculiarities of legal regulation of the status of state officials within state agencies and their apparatus”) of the Law of Ukraine “On State Service”.

The Article 16 of the Law of Ukraine “About Police” states that “police personnel consists of employees who serve within police departments, and who in accordance with the current legislation assigned special police ranks”. Thus, the legislator refers so-called “personnel” to state officials, i.e. those offi-

cers who are assigned special ranks.

Nowadays, the urgent issue is implementation of the new Law “On State Service”, where it is offered not to spread its power on the rank and files and officers of internal affairs agencies and other agencies, where special ranks are assigned. We believe that the withdrawal of the above mentioned persons from the category of state officials is not allowed. Because of the loss of state officials status rank and files and officers of internal affairs agencies are automatically deprived of the protection of the country and are deprived of the benefits.

Thus, state officials within internal affairs agencies are primarily citizens vested with the legal status, who work in these agencies, apparatus, units and departments on certain positions mainly with salaries from the state budget.