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CRIMINAL AND LEGAL PROTECTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE OF UKRAINE

The article examines the basis of criminal legal protection of cultural heritage of Ukraine; analyses legislation, which provides and guarantees the right to protection of cultural heritage; relates to the definitions of “cultural heritage,” “cultural property,” “cultural asset.”

The cornerstone of the humanitarian policy of our country is saving culture legacy as it is an integral part of cultural heritage of the world. Protection and multiplication of cultural heritage is provided with a system of legal, organizational and administrative activities. Basic principles of protection of cultural heritage are enshrined in the Basic Law of the State ratified by the Parliament of Ukraine in international conventions and legislative

acts on legal coverage of the preservation of cultural heritage. However, the issue of crime preventive activities in the area of cultural heritage objects lacks coverage in the science of criminal law and criminology. Complex problem solution is possible with the effective implementation of the state policy in the area of prevention of crimes posing a threat on the cultural heritage. These measures are aimed at obviating the causes and conditions of committing illegal acts, as well as establishing effective cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine.

The objective of this article is to outline the contents of the legal protection of cultural heritage.