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THE ESSENCE OF THE SUMMONS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDING

The subject of the article are investigator's summons, prosecutor's summons, court summons as means of criminal proceedings. The author provides the names of scholars, whose works have examined related topics. The analysis of the rules governing the summons in the Criminal Procedure Code of the Russian Federation, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Belarus in comparison with the regulations of the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine. The author identified weaknesses in the nature of the summons in the Criminal Procedure Code. Guidance as to the solution of shortcomings in the rules which need to be changed is provid-

ed. It is concluded that adoption of draft amendments to the rules of the Criminal Procedure Code will contribute to successful application of the rules relating to the investigator's summons, prosecutor's summons, court summons in the future.

Thus, draft amendments to the legislation will help to further reduce the pre-trial investigation and court proceedings, will help more thoroughly regulate essence and procedure of summons regarding participant of criminal proceedings carried out by the investigator, prosecutor or court, and will improve articles of the Criminal Procedure Code regulating the summons in criminal proceedings.