

**STATE REGULATION IN THE FIELD OF THE PASTORAL CARE SERVICE AMONG THE UKRAINIAN ARMY SOLDIERS AND THE CREATION OF THE INSTITUTE OF MILITARY CHAPLAINCY**

**Problem setting** One of the goals of building a democratic society in Ukraine is to ensure the constitutional rights and freedoms, compliance with the European standards in the humanitarian sphere of society in general and the Armed Forces of Ukraine in particular. Among the important components of this process is ensuring freedom of conscience and religion.

**Recent research and publications analysis** Relations between the State and the Church (religious organizations) traditionally interested many researchers. In Ukrainian scientific thought during the years of independence of Ukraine problems of interaction between the state and religious organizations are revealed of the works of V. Andrushchenko, Yu. Babinov, I. Balzhyk, N. Bregeda, O. Smith, A. Kolodnyi, Yu. Kryvenko, M. Mykhailychenko, V. Picha, Yu. Reshetnikov, F. Rudych, Yu. Todyka. Relations between the armies of the world and religious organizations were represented in the works of foreign authors: N. Danilov, I. Dzura, S. Mozgovyi, A. Morozov, A. Pavlov and others.

**Paper objective** The article seeks to explore the process of state regulation in the field of pastoral care of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and the creation of the institution of military chaplains, as well as to offer ways to improve the process.

**Paper main body** In the Article 1of the Basic Law - the Constitution of Ukraine it is declared that Ukraine is a sovereign, independent, democratic, social, legal state. Choosing the way of formation of legal state, Ukraine stepped up the process of recognizing human rights and means of their realization and protection. One of these rights is religious freedom, which is "a basis" for many other personal and cultural rights.

**Conclusions** So, based on the mentioned above, the question of state regulation in the field of pastoral care of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and the institution of military chaplains is especially important for Ukrainian society and for Ukrainian Army in particular, especially in view of the possibility of military aggression by other states. It is found that currently the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine form the organizational structure for the introduction of chaplains in the Armed Forces of Ukraine. There are also significant developments in the legislative field of the country that need to be expanded and improved. The above developments by analogy can be transferred to a special legislation which regulates the activities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, Ministry of Emergencies, Security Service of Ukraine.