

## CHEMICAL CASTRATION –THE NEW SECURITY MEASURE IN THE MACEDONIAN CRIMINAL LEGISLATION

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### ABSTRACT

With the Amendments of the Macedonian Criminal Code from February 2014, the Medical- Pharmacological Treatment or the so - called “Chemical Castration” is introduced for the first time in the legislation of Macedonia. The authors in this article give legal overview of this security measure that is intended for perpetrators of sexual offenses of children. The intention of the policy makers was the prison sentence to be reduced if the perpetrator voluntarily agrees to undergo a chemical castration. In the cases when sexual offenders of children are recidivists, a mandatory application of this security measure is envisaged. With these stricter legislative changes, the criminal legislation of Macedonia became part of the group of the countries which adopted the chemical castration for sex offenders and as the only country with such solution in the neighborhood became potential regional leader in the incorporation of this instrument in the fight against pedophilia.

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