

## **REVIEW**

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Law;

PhD Program: "Theory of the State and Law"

regarding Kiril Stoyanov Ilchev,  
PhD Student at the Department of "Theory and History of Law"  
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for the DISSERTATION on the topic:

**“ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE NORMATIVE LEGAL ACTS”**

### **Biographical Data**

Kiril Stoyanov Ilchev is a full-time PhD student in the Department of "Theory and History of Law," under the academic supervision of Prof. Yanaki Boyanov Stoilov, PhD, based on Report № RD-21-707/02.04.2025 by Assoc. Prof. Daniela Sevdalinova Doncheva, PhD, Dean of the Faculty of Law, in compliance with Article 4 of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB), Article 2 (2), Article 30 (3) of the Regulations for the Implementation of LDASRB, and Article 37 (1) of the Regulations for the Academic Staff at Plovdiv University.

The PhD candidate holds a Bachelor's degree in "Macroeconomics," a Master's degree in "Law," and a Master's degree in "Financial Management," all obtained from Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski," Plovdiv. He has professional experience in consultancy services – both legal and accounting – as well as in the tax administration sector.

### **Relevance of the Research**

The impact of legal tools on the object of legal regulation is pre-determined. The subject responsible for legislative activity forms a concept of the desired outcome, which is a consequence of this impact. The choice of a specific type and content of legal regulation is justified by the necessity of achieving the highest possible alignment between the anticipated and the actual outcomes in legal reality during the law enforcement process. The degree of this alignment is crucial not only for the legislator but also for the addressees of the legal norms. It influences not only the effectiveness of legislative activity but also the condition of the system of legally relevant social relationships and connections. Over time, this requirement becomes increasingly significant for both legislators and society, which is organized within the framework of the state. This importance arises not only from the necessity for internal and

external coherence among various groups of social relations – economic, political, social, and spiritual – but also from the continuous increase in the number of legal normative acts. This proliferation creates potential disturbances of various kinds within the system of legal relationships. This observation suggests that further research could build upon this work by analyzing the evaluation of different types of impacts across key groups of social relations, for example, evaluating the political impact of legal normative acts, and so forth.

The relevance of the topic is also determined by public interest, which is consistently focused on the quality of legal normative acts and their continuously increasing number. Additionally, it stems from the nature of decision-making, which is inherently legislative, as it determines the stability of the system of legally relevant social relationships and connections, where the parties involved are the citizens.

### **Understanding of the Dissertation Topic**

The content of the dissertation reveals a solid understanding of the subject matter examined by the PhD candidate. The impressive number of referenced academic sources and footnotes demonstrates a high level of scholarly awareness and academic expertise.

### **Research Methods in the Dissertation**

The research methodology employed in the dissertation submitted for defense effectively facilitates the accomplishment of the stated objectives and the achievement of the defined goal.

### **Characteristics of the Dissertation**

The dissertation contains an introduction, three chapters, a conclusion, and a bibliography divided into separate sections for Cyrillic, Latin script, and internet sources.

### **CHAPTER ONE: "GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS AND CONCEPT OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF NORMATIVE LEGAL ACTS"**

The PhD candidate traces the emergence and development of the need for impact assessment of generally binding rules of conduct, as well as the specifics of its legal institutionalization. The positions of several authors on the topic of the dissertation are reviewed accurately. Based on this, the candidate examines the methodological and theoretical aspects of the institute. During the analysis, emphasis is placed on the connection between a systemic approach and the impact assessment of normative acts. The importance of law as a primary social regulator is highlighted, along with the leading role of impact assessment in fulfilling this function. The sociological approach's place in the research is convincingly argued. The analysis in the first chapter is complemented and expanded with a study on the relationship between impact assessment of normative acts and the concepts of predictability and security. In this way, the candidate reveals important additional characteristics of the examined concept.

### **Content of CHAPTER TWO: "IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF NORMATIVE ACTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND BULGARIA – ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE**

## MECHANISM, PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA, TYPES OF PROBLEMATIC AREAS AND DEFICITS"

This chapter is clearly focused on examining the impact assessment of normative acts at both the national level and the European Union level. The author reveals the mechanism of impact assessment of normative acts and presents the impact assessment from a concrete legal perspective. Problematic areas are accurately presented, and the critical analysis has the potential to outline possible effective solutions for the subjects involved in lawmaking activities. Overall, the content is well-structured, but it seems to me that the title contains too many details, and reducing it would help avoid repetition within the individual paragraphs.

### **Content of CHAPTER THREE: "APPLIED ASPECTS OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF NORMATIVE ACTS"**

This chapter is focused on the study of statistical data, judicial practice relevant to the subject of the research, as well as the application and analysis of best practices.

The "Cited Literature" section includes a significant number of sources in both Cyrillic and Latin scripts, with internet sources listed separately.

The conclusion contains a proper summary in the form of findings from the conducted scientific research.

In accordance with procedural requirements, the necessary documents have been submitted, from which it is evident that the doctoral candidate has fulfilled the minimum national criteria for awarding the educational and scientific degree of PhD under the PhD program "Theory of State and Law," within the professional field 3.6. Law.

The abstract also contains the required formal elements. Three scientific publications relevant to the subject matter of the dissertation have been submitted in accordance with the procedure.

### **Contributions and Novelty**

The contributions contained in the dissertation are characterized by novelty and relevance, forming a foundation for the development of science and the improvement of the legislative process in both its phases – pre-parliamentary and parliamentary.

### **Critical Remarks**

The dissertation deserves a high evaluation based on the considerations already mentioned. However, I allow myself to suggest that there could be a systematic place to further develop the content of the analysis related to the connection between predictability and certainty by incorporating the concept of legal continuity. Despite the overlapping aspects between predictability and continuity, expanding the analysis by highlighting their similarities and distinctions would reveal new facets of the characterization of the impact assessment of normative acts.

These critical remarks do not diminish the positive evaluation of the PhD candidate's scientific research work. It is concluded that the dissertation has achieved certain scientific

results demonstrating the candidate's ability to conduct independent scientific research and defend original theses.

### **Conclusion**

The dissertation submitted for review, entitled **“ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE NORMATIVE LEGAL ACTS”** authored by Kiril Stoyanov Ilchev, complies with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and its implementing regulations. On this basis, I will vote in favor of awarding the scientific and educational degree of PhD.

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**Reviewer:**

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