

# Legal regulation of weapons and ammunition

## Abstract

The topic of the presented thesis is the legal regulation of weapons and ammunition analyzed in the context of two legal systems, namely the legislation of the Czech Republic, contained mainly in the provisions of the Weapons Act, which is the subject of the first chapter of this thesis, and the legislation of the United States of America, especially on at the level of federal regulations, including the Second Amendment to the Constitution, but with the necessary overlap into the regulation of the individual states of the federation, which are contained in Chapter Two.

Structurally, the chapters are further divided into sub-chapters, and within them the reader is introduced not only to the legal provisions of the relevant regulations, which the author of the work prepared, and in the case of those in foreign languages, also translated, but also to the related jurisprudence and the context of this complex issue, which is further mediated thanks to foreign language and domestic literature, from which the work is also based.

After a thorough description and analysis of all relevant provisions, a comparison of the acquired knowledge occurs in the third and last chapter, which is a synthesis and comparison of selected aspects that were chosen to appropriately reflect the specifics of the regulation of the phenomenon of firearms across different legal systems, always in the appropriate context.

As part of this academic excursion, the work highlights a thorough analysis of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States of America in the case *"District of Columbia et. al. v. Dick Anthony Heller,"* 554 U.S. 570, 2008, to which text is devoted in the subsection on acquiring gun ownership under federal law. This landmark decision, absolutely central to the contextual interpretation of the meaning and purpose of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, is subjected to analysis, including dissenting opinions and scholarly literature. However, related decisions are also referred to, and the work thus tries to take into account as best as possible the more than two centuries of continuous existence of the legal source, to which the very fundamental decision from the pen of Judge Scalia is devoted.

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