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ABSTRACT

The objectives of this Research are to study the concepts and theories relating to prevention and suppression of commission of offenses in bribery cases, and to study Thailand's measures for prevention and suppression of commission of bribery offenses, in comparison with foreign laws and international conventions, as to analyze and further propose concordant and suitable approaches to solving legal problems relating Thailand's commission of offenses in the bribery cases.

The Study finds that Thailand has three major legal problems relating to commission of offenses in the bribery cases, comprising of: firstly, problems relating to elements of offenses of bribing the official and the judicial official under the Penal Code, Section 144 and Section 167, which feature loopholes, hindering the law from being comprehensively enforced; secondly, problems relating to criminal liabilities in cases of juristic persons bribing public officials, which are not prescribed as an offense in Thailand's Penal Code, the law widely known to the people; and thirdly, problems with prescribing criminal liabilities in cases of bribing witnesses, which are not prescribed as a specific criminal offense.

Therefore, the Author proposes approaches to solving the problems by amending the elements of offenses of bribing the official and the judicial official under the Penal Code, Section 144 and Section 167, thereby prescribing that the offenders must be liable for bribery, even though the bribes are offered for inducing to officials to do or not to do any acts under their legal duties, and proposes to add an offense of a juristic person bribing the public official and an offense of bribing a witness in the Penal Code, in order to eliminate the loopholes, and that the sanctity of the law shall be attained and the law shall be efficiently enforce, in turn, leading to effective prevention and suppression of offenses in the bribery cases.