

Alternative penalties to imprisonment in Jordanian

legislation

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Summary

This study dealt with alternative punishment in Jordanian legislation, approved by the Jordanian legislator in 2017 and subsequently made some amendments in 2022, and it clarified the terminological concepts of alternative punishment and their objectives and characteristics, and describe the current legal status of alternative punishment and explain and detail the legal texts governing them. The study used the descriptive and analytical curriculum that dealt with the legal provisions of alternative punishment. Thus, the study found several results, the main ones are: Inability of prisons to achieve their correctional objectives with high efficiency, and that alternative punishment fulfil the objectives and characteristics of punishment better than conventional ones, in addition to the lack of legislation in the legal texts governing alternative punishment especially with regard to sentencing and appeals to these judgments. Finally, the study found a number of recommendations, the most

important ones are: A number of amendments to the provisions of the Jordanian Criminal Code and the Code of Magistrate Court and the system of means and mechanisms for implementing alternatives to deprivation of liberty punishment for the purpose of giving greater clarity and legal stability to alternative punishment.

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