

THE ROLE OF THE POLICE IN THE PROTECTION OF THE FREEDOM
OF RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT ON CHURCHES
AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

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Summary: Freedom of religion is guaranteed in a number of international and domestic human rights documents. Both aspects of religious freedom, collective and individual, are subject to the special interests of the modern state legislature. Only guarantee of freedom, however, is not by itself enough. There is a need for constant engagement of state authorities with the aim of improving the development of religious pluralism on the one hand, and on the other the protection of religious communities from different abuses they can be exposed to. This delicate and for democratic society very sensitive process is a major challenge for the state authorities who participate in it. One of these authorities is certainly the police, who only has a monopoly of physical coercion and whose assistance to protect religious freedom in some cases is necessary

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