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NEW CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE DISSERTATION

The dissertation “*Drug-Related Crimes under Vietnam's Criminal Law*” is selected based on its necessity in political, legal, theoretical, practical, and international cooperation aspects. Drug-related crimes are recognized as a group of offenses with a high degree of danger, complex developments, and constantly changing methods and tactics, causing serious consequences to social order and public health.

In the context of deepening international integration, a comprehensive study of drug-related crimes (TPMT)—covering theoretical foundations, analysis of current legal provisions, evaluation of practical application, comparison with international standards, and reference to foreign legislative experiences—is both objective and essential. On that basis, the dissertation not only proposes feasible and coherent solutions to enhance the effectiveness of combating drug-related crimes but also ensures the implementation of Vietnam's international commitments, contributing to the improvement of criminal law provisions in the current period.

The main new contributions of the dissertation are as follows:

1. **Firstly**, the dissertation contributes to supplementing, clarifying, and systematizing several important theoretical issues of Vietnam's criminal law science concerning drug-related crimes, such as the concept of narcotic substances, the definition and characteristics of drug-related crimes, as well as the basis and significance of their legal regulation.
2. **Secondly**, the dissertation provides a comprehensive analysis and assessment of Vietnam's criminal law provisions on drug-related crimes, clarifying their relationship with the State's criminal policy and with practical law enforcement. Based on the examination of legal provisions and their practical application, the dissertation identifies limitations, obstacles, and their causes,

thereby providing a scientific foundation for proposing improvements to the relevant legal regulations.

3. **Thirdly**, the dissertation synthesizes international and foreign legal provisions—particularly those of the Russian Federation, China, and New South Wales (Australia)—on drug-related crimes. These international standards and legislative experiences may serve as useful references for proposing recommendations to improve Vietnam’s criminal law on drug-related crimes.
4. **Fourthly**, the dissertation proposes specific recommendations to improve the criminal policy and criminal law provisions on drug-related crimes, as well as solutions to overcome shortcomings in practical application. These recommendations are grounded in solid scientific reasoning, aligned with the realities of drug crime prevention and control, and consistent with international integration requirements and current international legal standards.

The research findings of the dissertation contribute to enriching the theoretical foundation of Vietnam’s criminal law science, improving the criminal policy and legal framework concerning drug-related crimes. The dissertation also serves as a valuable reference for students, lecturers, scholars, and legal practitioners involved in the study, teaching, and application of law related to drug-related offenses.

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