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## **A COMMON-LAW MARRIAGE**

### **ГРАЖДАНСКИЙ БРАК**

Since ancient times a marriage is a union between two people that gives rise to the rights and responsibilities of both partners towards each other and to their children.

That's a relevant and easily imaginable situation when you would like to change up a new life stage with the partner you love, beyond any doubt, but you're not completely sure if having this mutual feeling is enough to get married officially and finally declare your decision to all the relatives and friends. In addition, you hesitate if you really want to bind yourself over official marriage responsibilities. Thus, the relevance of our scientific research is obvious, and it's really important to find the solution to this problem for Belarusian couples and filling the gap in our legislation concerning unregistered relations. So, the subject of our investigation is the legal basis of a common-law marriage, a non-official marriage in Belarus. The object of our research is a relationship, which is officially unregistered in the particular state establishments. To run on the object, we set the goal to provide legal guarantees to both partners in a common-law marriage. Based on the goal of our research, we set the following tasks: to formulate an exact definition of this kind of relationship based on the already existing marriage legislation, to regulate the questions of upbringing children born in a common-law marriage.

The definition of a common-law marriage isn't given by any legislative act in Belarus and a lot of people equate a common-law marriage and a cohabitation, but it's not the same. A cohabitation means the living of two people together, it can last several days, while a marriage is a more stable form of relations when people are bound not only by living together, but also by jointly acquired property. The notion of a common-law marriage first appeared in the Netherlands in the 16th century and was introduced in 1580 by the government of the States of Holland and West Friesland.

In Spain a common-law marriage is legalized (Pareja de hecho). There is even an official ceremony where you are given a document about your cohabitation and mutual rights and responsibilities.

There is no such a concept as "a common-law marriage" in Belarus. The question of upbringing children is still unsolved. That's why it is necessary to show what can be changed to resolve these legal disputes based on existing norms mentioned in the Marriage and Family Code of the Republic of Belarus. The first thing should be done is to introduce into legislation such concepts as "a common-law marriage" and "common-law spouses".

The birth of children in a common-law marriage doesn't differ from the birth of any others. It's also necessary for them to be registered, to get certificates of their citizenship and parental guardianship, etc. In a registered marriage, the father of a child is considered as the mother's husband, and it doesn't require any proofs. However, there may be no father in the birth certificate in default of a marriage seal. To solve this problem, it is necessary to change article 52 of the Marriage and Family Code in the particular way: "The father of a child born in a common-law marriage is a common-law husband of the child's mother".

Summing up the results of our research, we derived the definition of a common-law marriage as a more stable and ordered form of relationships provided with certain rights and obligations of the partners. We should state that the solution to this vital problem of a common-law marriage legalization is extremely important and, what is more significant, achievable.

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## **THE IMPACT OF BEAUTY STANDARDS ON SOCIETY**

## **ВЛИЯНИЕ СТАНДАРТОВ КРАСОТЫ НА ОБЩЕСТВО**

The research work aims to prove that beauty standards directly influence our society.

The feminine beauty ideal is the socially constructed notion that physical attractiveness is one of women's most important assets, and something all women should strive to achieve and maintain. It varies from culture to culture. The feminine beauty ideal is portrayed in many children's fairy tales. It has been common in Brothers Grimm's fairy tales for physical attractiveness in female characters to be