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**The Forming Process of the New Model of the Relationship
between Church and State in the Czech Republic
after the Property Settlement**

Summary

This article analyses the contemporary legal situation of the churches and religious societies position in the Czech Republic, in the context of the newly approved Law No 428/2012 Coll., the property settlement with churches and religious societies of 2012/12/5, which came into effect on 2013/1/1. The process to this law was very difficult and lengthy. The law itself contains a natural restitution and a financial compensation as well. Newly configured model is based on a combination of a law and agreements with individual churches. This model tries to resolve a historic church property and also separate the churches and religious societies financial holding from the state in the future, and enable a churches financial self-sufficiency. Also, the article analyses new specific instruments of the Catholic Church, which are established for the management of its property in the Czech Republic.

Słowa kluczowe: prawo wyznaniowe, Kościoły i związki wyznaniowe, fundusz kościelny, majątek kościołów, relacje Kościoła i państwa, fundusze diecezjalne

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