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The problem of beggars in Thailand is significant. It is difficult to prevent and to solve the problem of beggars because it is due to social complexities mixed with economic pressures. In spite of The Criminal Code, The Control of Beggars Act B.E.2484 and The National Executive Council Announcement No.294 issued on November 27, 1972, the plight of beggars and the issue of persons who take advantage of beggars have not been tackled sufficiently. The structure of begging has also changed-now the business of begging is more complex due to the backdrop of people who take advantage of beggars. There are a lot of illegal benefits due to the use of children, women, handicapped people and the elderly as beggars. If those people do not follow the order of the profiteers, they are likely to be punished and may suffer injury. Furthermore, they do not dare to take action against the profiteers because they are afraid of them.

This thesis aims to promote better understanding of the issue above. It is based on legal and other research concerning methods for preventing and solving the problem of beggars. There are comparisons between the laws of the United States, England, India and Thailand. They entail information on beggars and persons taking advantage of beggars. The knowledge gained can thus help to develop the law on the prevention of and solution for the problem of beggars in Thailand.