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**PUBLIC LAW FUNCTIONS OF THE MASTER OF A SHIP
DEFINED BY ART. 72 § 1 OF THE MARITIME CODE IN THE SPHERE
OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURAL LAW – AN OUTLINE OF ISSUES**

The Author analyses the content of art. 72 of the Maritime Code, in particular its §1, in the context of the legal capacity of the master of a ship to exercise public law functions assigned to him in the sphere of criminal law, related to the fact of the disclosure of an offense committed on a ship under the Polish jurisdiction. In particular, the article is devoted to possible measures that can be undertaken in order to prevent the avoidance of criminal responsibility by a person suspected of committing an offense, including the controversial issue of short-term offender detention. Moreover, the Author discusses the issue of the captain's obligations concerning evidences, comparing them to the corresponding solutions applicable in the criminal procedural law.