

(Added Pub. L. 99-646, §87(b), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3621, and Pub. L. 99-654, §2, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3661; amended Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXIII, §330021(1), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2150; Pub. L. 109-162, title XI, §1177(a)(3), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3125; Pub. L. 109-248, title II, §§205, 207(2), July 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 613, 615; Pub. L. 110-161, div. E, title V, §554, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2082.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 99-646 and Pub. L. 99-654 added identical sections 2242.

AMENDMENTS

2007—Pub. L. 110-161 substituted “the head of any Federal department or agency” for “the Attorney General” in introductory provisions.

2006—Pub. L. 109-248 inserted comma after “Attorney General” in introductory provisions and substituted “and imprisoned for any term of years or for life” for “, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both” in concluding provisions.

Pub. L. 109-162 inserted “or in any prison, institution, or facility in which persons are held in custody by direction of or pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Attorney General” after “in a Federal prison,” in introductory provisions.

1994—Par. (1). Pub. L. 103-322 substituted “kidnaping” for “kidnaping”.

§ 2243. Sexual abuse of a minor or ward

(a) OF A MINOR.—Whoever, in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States or in a Federal prison, or in any prison, institution, or facility in which persons are held in custody by direction of or pursuant to a contract or agreement with the head of any Federal department or agency, knowingly engages in a sexual act with another person who—

(1) has attained the age of 12 years but has not attained the age of 16 years; and

(2) is at least four years younger than the person so engaging;

or attempts to do so, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

(b) OF A WARD.—Whoever, in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States or in a Federal prison, or in any prison, institution, or facility in which persons are held in custody by direction of or pursuant to a contract or agreement with the head of any Federal department or agency, knowingly engages in a sexual act with another person who is—

(1) in official detention; and

(2) under the custodial, supervisory, or disciplinary authority of the person so engaging;

or attempts to do so, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

(c) DEFENSES.—(1) In a prosecution under subsection (a) of this section, it is a defense, which the defendant must establish by a preponderance of the evidence, that the defendant reasonably believed that the other person had attained the age of 16 years.

(2) In a prosecution under this section, it is a defense, which the defendant must establish by a preponderance of the evidence, that the persons engaging in the sexual act were at that time married to each other.

(d) STATE OF MIND PROOF REQUIREMENT.—In a prosecution under subsection (a) of this section, the Government need not prove that the defendant knew—

(1) the age of the other person engaging in the sexual act; or

(2) that the requisite age difference existed between the persons so engaging.

(Added Pub. L. 99-646, §87(b), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3621, and Pub. L. 99-654, §2, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3661; amended Pub. L. 101-647, title III, §322, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4818; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(a) [title I, §121[7(c)]], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009, 3009-26, 3009-31; Pub. L. 105-314, title III, §301(b), Oct. 30, 1998, 112 Stat. 2979; Pub. L. 109-162, title XI, §1177(a)(4), (b)(1), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3125; Pub. L. 109-248, title II, §207, July 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 615; Pub. L. 110-161, div. E, title V, §554, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2082.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 99-646 and Pub. L. 99-654 added identical sections 2243.

AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 110-161 substituted “the head of any Federal department or agency” for “the Attorney General” in introductory provisions.

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-248, §207(2), inserted comma after “Attorney General” in introductory provisions.

Pub. L. 109-162, §1177(a)(4), inserted “or in any prison, institution, or facility in which persons are held in custody by direction of or pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Attorney General” after “in a Federal prison,” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-248 inserted comma after “Attorney General” in introductory provisions and substituted “15 years” for “five years” in concluding provisions.

Pub. L. 109-162, §1177(a)(4), (b)(1), inserted “or in any prison, institution, or facility in which persons are held in custody by direction of or pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Attorney General” after “in a Federal prison,” in introductory provisions and substituted “five years” for “one year” in concluding provisions.

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-314 struck out “crosses a State line with intent to engage in a sexual act with a person who has not attained the age of 12 years, or” after “Whoever” in introductory provisions.

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-208 inserted “crosses a State line with intent to engage in a sexual act with a person who has not attained the age of 12 years, or” after “Whoever” in introductory provisions.

1990—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-647 substituted “15 years” for “five years” in concluding provisions.

§ 2244. Abusive sexual contact

(a) SEXUAL CONDUCT IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE SEXUAL ACTS ARE PUNISHED BY THIS CHAPTER.—Whoever, in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States or in a Federal prison, or in any prison, institution, or facility in which persons are held in custody by direction of or pursuant to a contract or agreement with the head of any Federal department or agency, knowingly engages in or causes sexual contact with or by another person, if so to do would violate—

(1) subsection (a) or (b) of section 2241 of this title had the sexual contact been a sexual act, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than ten years, or both;

(2) section 2242 of this title had the sexual contact been a sexual act, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than three years, or both;

(3) subsection (a) of section 2243 of this title had the sexual contact been a sexual act, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than two years, or both;

(4) subsection (b) of section 2243 of this title had the sexual contact been a sexual act, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than two years, or both; or

(5) subsection (c) of section 2241 of this title had the sexual contact been a sexual act, shall be fined under this title and imprisoned for any term of years or for life.

(b) **IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.**—Whoever, in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States or in a Federal prison, or in any prison, institution, or facility in which persons are held in custody by direction of or pursuant to a contract or agreement with the head of any Federal department or agency, knowingly engages in sexual contact with another person without that other person's permission shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than two years, or both.

(c) **OFFENSES INVOLVING YOUNG CHILDREN.**—If the sexual contact that violates this section (other than subsection (a)(5)) is with an individual who has not attained the age of 12 years, the maximum term of imprisonment that may be imposed for the offense shall be twice that otherwise provided in this section.

(Added Pub. L. 99-646, § 87(b), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3622, and Pub. L. 99-654, § 2, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3661; amended Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, § 7058(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4403; Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXIII, § 330016(1)(K), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2147; Pub. L. 105-314, title III, § 302, Oct. 30, 1998, 112 Stat. 2979; Pub. L. 109-162, title XI, § 1177(a)(5), (b)(2), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3125; Pub. L. 109-248, title II, §§ 206(a)(2), 207(2), July 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 613, 615; Pub. L. 110-161, div. E, title V, § 554, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2082.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 99-646 and Pub. L. 99-654 added identical sections 2244.

AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 110-161 substituted “the head of any Federal department or agency” for “the Attorney General”.

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-248, § 207(2), inserted comma after “Attorney General” in introductory provisions.

Pub. L. 109-162, § 1177(a)(5), inserted “or in any prison, institution, or facility in which persons are held in custody by direction of or pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Attorney General” after “in a Federal prison,” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 109-248, § 206(a)(2)(A)(i), inserted “subsection (a) or (b) of” before “section 2241 of this title”.

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 109-162, § 1177(b)(2), substituted “two years” for “six months”.

Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 109-248, § 206(a)(2)(A)(ii)-(iv), added par. (5).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-248, § 207(2), inserted comma after “Attorney General”.

Pub. L. 109-162, § 1177(a)(5), (b)(2), inserted “or in any prison, institution, or facility in which persons are held

in custody by direction of or pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Attorney General” after “in a Federal prison,” and substituted “two years” for “six months”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-248, § 206(a)(2)(B), inserted “(other than subsection (a)(5))” after “violates this section”.

1998—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-314 added subsec. (c).

1994—Subsecs. (a)(4), (b). Pub. L. 103-322 substituted “fined under this title” for “fined not more than \$5,000”.

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-690 substituted “ten years” for “five years” in par. (1) and “two years” for “one year” in par. (3).

§ 2245. Offenses resulting in death

(a)¹ **IN GENERAL.**—A person who, in the course of an offense under this chapter, or section 1591, 2251, 2251A, 2260, 2421, 2422, 2423, or 2425, murders an individual, shall be punished by death or imprisoned for any term of years or for life.

(Added Pub. L. 103-322, title VI, § 60010(a)(2), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1972; amended Pub. L. 109-248, title II, § 206(a)(3), July 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 613.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2245 was renumbered section 2246 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-248 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “A person who, in the course of an offense under this chapter, engages in conduct that results in the death of a person, shall be punished by death or imprisoned for any term of years or for life.”

§ 2246. Definitions for chapter

As used in this chapter—

(1) the term “prison” means a correctional, detention, or penal facility;

(2) the term “sexual act” means—

(A) contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, and for purposes of this subparagraph contact involving the penis occurs upon penetration, however slight;

(B) contact between the mouth and the penis, the mouth and the vulva, or the mouth and the anus;

(C) the penetration, however slight, of the anal or genital opening of another by a hand or finger or by any object, with an intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, or arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person; or

(D) the intentional touching, not through the clothing, of the genitalia of another person who has not attained the age of 16 years with an intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, or arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person;

(3) the term “sexual contact” means the intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person with an intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, or arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person;

(4) the term “serious bodily injury” means bodily injury that involves a substantial risk

¹ So in original. No subsec. (b) has been enacted.