

**§ 923a. Art. 123a. Making, drawing, or uttering check, draft, or order without sufficient funds**

Any person subject to this chapter who—  
 (1) for the procurement of any article or thing of value, with intent to defraud; or  
 (2) for the payment of any past due obligation, or for any other purpose, with intent to deceive;

makes, draws, utters, or delivers any check, draft, or order for the payment of money upon any bank or other depository, knowing at the time that the maker or drawer has not or will not have sufficient funds in, or credit with, the bank or other depository for the payment of that check, draft, or order in full upon its presentment, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct. The making, drawing, uttering, or delivering by a maker or drawer of a check, draft, or order, payment of which is refused by the drawee because of insufficient funds of the maker or drawer in the drawee's possession or control, is prima facie evidence of his intent to defraud or deceive and of his knowledge of insufficient funds in, or credit with, that bank or other depository, unless the maker or drawer pays the holder the amount due within five days after receiving notice, orally or in writing, that the check, draft, or order was not paid on presentment. In this section, the word "credit" means an arrangement or understanding, express or implied, with the bank or other depository for the payment of that check, draft, or order.

(Added Pub. L. 87-385, §1(1), Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 814.)

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Pub. L. 87-385, §2, Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 814, provided that: "This Act [enacting this section] becomes effective on the first day of the fifth month following the month in which it is enacted [October 1961]."

**§ 924. Art. 124. Maiming**

Any person subject to this chapter who, with intent to injure, disfigure, or disable, inflicts upon the person of another an injury which—  
 (1) seriously disfigures his person by any mutilation thereof;  
 (2) destroys or disables any member or organ of his body; or  
 (3) seriously diminishes his physical vigor by the injury of any member or organ;

is guilty of maiming and shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 74.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
924 .....	50:718.	May 5, 1950, ch. 169, §1 (Art. 124), 64 Stat. 141.

**§ 925. Art 125. Forcible sodomy; bestiality**

(a) **FORCIBLE SODOMY.**—Any person subject to this chapter who engages in unnatural carnal copulation with another person of the same or opposite sex by unlawful force or without the

consent of the other person is guilty of forcible sodomy and shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(b) **BESTIALITY.**—Any person subject to this chapter who engages in unnatural carnal copulation with an animal is guilty of bestiality and shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(c) **SCOPE OF OFFENSES.**—Penetration, however slight, is sufficient to complete an offense under subsection (a) or (b).

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 74; Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title XVII, §1707(a), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 961; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title V, §531(d)(1), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3364.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
925(a) .....	50:719(a).	May 5, 1950, ch. 169, §1 (Art. 125), 64 Stat. 141.
925(b) .....	50:719(b).	

**AMENDMENTS**

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-291 substituted "unlawful force" for "force".

2013—Pub. L. 113-66 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

"(a) Any person subject to this chapter who engages in unnatural carnal copulation with another person of the same or opposite sex or with an animal is guilty of sodomy. Penetration, however slight, is sufficient to complete the offense.

"(b) Any person found guilty of sodomy shall be punished as a court-martial may direct."

**§ 926. Art. 126. Arson**

(a) Any person subject to this chapter who willfully and maliciously burns or sets on fire an inhabited dwelling, or any other structure, movable or immovable, wherein to the knowledge of the offender there is at the time a human being, is guilty of aggravated arson and shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(b) Any person subject to this chapter who willfully and maliciously burns or sets fire to the property of another, except as provided in subsection (a), is guilty of simple arson and shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 74.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
926(a) .....	50:720(a).	May 5, 1950, ch. 169, §1 (Art. 126), 64 Stat. 141.
926(b) .....	50:720(b).	

In subsection (b), the words "of this section" are omitted as surplusage.

**§ 927. Art. 127. Extortion**

Any person subject to this chapter who communicates threats to another person with the intention thereby to obtain anything of value or any acquittance, advantage, or immunity is guilty of extortion and shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 74.)