

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## SHORT TITLE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-495, §1, Dec. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 3999, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Video Voyeurism Prevention Act of 2004.’”

**[CHAPTER 89—REPEALED]****[§ 1821. Repealed. Pub. L. 116-260, div. O, title X, § 1002(8), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2155]**

Section, act June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 786; Pub. L. 104-294, title VI, §601(a)(8), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3498; Pub. L. 107-273, div. B, title IV, §4004(c), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1812, penalized the transportation of dentures from unlicensed sources.

**CHAPTER 90—PROTECTION OF TRADE SECRETS**

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## AMENDMENTS

2016—Pub. L. 114-153, §2(d)(2), May 11, 2016, 130 Stat. 381, substituted “Civil proceedings” for “Civil proceedings to enjoin violations” in item 1836.

2002—Pub. L. 107-273, div. B, title IV, §4002(f)(1), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1811, substituted “Applicability to conduct” for “Conduct” in item 1837.

**§ 1831. Economic espionage**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, intending or knowing that the offense will benefit any foreign government, foreign instrumentality, or foreign agent, knowingly—

(1) steals, or without authorization appropriates, takes, carries away, or conceals, or by fraud, artifice, or deception obtains a trade secret;

(2) without authorization copies, duplicates, sketches, draws, photographs, downloads, uploads, alters, destroys, photocopies, replicates, transmits, delivers, sends, mails, communicates, or conveys a trade secret;

(3) receives, buys, or possesses a trade secret, knowing the same to have been stolen or appropriated, obtained, or converted without authorization;

(4) attempts to commit any offense described in any of paragraphs (1) through (3); or

(5) conspires with one or more other persons to commit any offense described in any of paragraphs (1) through (3), and one or more of such persons do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy,

shall, except as provided in subsection (b), be fined not more than \$5,000,000 or imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

(b) ORGANIZATIONS.—Any organization that commits any offense described in subsection (a) shall be fined not more than the greater of

\$10,000,000 or 3 times the value of the stolen trade secret to the organization, including expenses for research and design and other costs of reproducing the trade secret that the organization has thereby avoided.

(Added Pub. L. 104-294, title I, §101(a), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3488; amended Pub. L. 112-269, §2, Jan. 14, 2013, 126 Stat. 2442.)

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## AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112-269, §2(a), substituted “not more than \$5,000,000” for “not more than \$500,000” in concluding provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-269, §2(b), substituted “not more than the greater of \$10,000,000 or 3 times the value of the stolen trade secret to the organization, including expenses for research and design and other costs of reproducing the trade secret that the organization has thereby avoided” for “not more than \$10,000,000”.

**§ 1832. Theft of trade secrets**

(a) Whoever, with intent to convert a trade secret, that is related to a product or service used in or intended for use in interstate or foreign commerce, to the economic benefit of anyone other than the owner thereof, and intending or knowing that the offense will, injure any owner of that trade secret, knowingly—

(1) steals, or without authorization appropriates, takes, carries away, or conceals, or by fraud, artifice, or deception obtains such information;

(2) without authorization copies, duplicates, sketches, draws, photographs, downloads, uploads, alters, destroys, photocopies, replicates, transmits, delivers, sends, mails, communicates, or conveys such information;

(3) receives, buys, or possesses such information, knowing the same to have been stolen or appropriated, obtained, or converted without authorization;

(4) attempts to commit any offense described in paragraphs (1) through (3); or

(5) conspires with one or more other persons to commit any offense described in paragraphs (1) through (3), and one or more of such persons do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy,

shall, except as provided in subsection (b), be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

(b) Any organization that commits any offense described in subsection (a) shall be fined not more than the greater of \$5,000,000 or 3 times the value of the stolen trade secret to the organization, including expenses for research and design and other costs of reproducing the trade secret that the organization has thereby avoided.

(Added Pub. L. 104-294, title I, §101(a), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3489; amended Pub. L. 112-236, §2, Dec. 28, 2012, 126 Stat. 1627; Pub. L. 114-153, §3(a)(1), May 11, 2016, 130 Stat. 382.)

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2016—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 114-153 substituted “the greater of \$5,000,000 or 3 times the value of the stolen trade secret to the organization, including expenses for