

Senate Engrossed House Bill

bestiality; visual depiction; minors

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CHAPTER 251

HOUSE BILL 2241

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-1411, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SEXUAL OFFENSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 13-1411, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 13-1411. Bestiality; classification; definitions
5 A. A person commits bestiality by knowingly doing ~~either~~ ANY of the
6 following:
7 1. Engaging in oral sexual contact, sexual contact or sexual
8 intercourse with an animal.
9 2. Causing another person to engage in oral sexual contact, sexual
10 contact or sexual intercourse with an animal.
11 3. POSSESSING, DISTRIBUTING, TRANSPORTING, EXHIBITING, SELLING,
12 PURCHASING OR ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTING ANY VISUAL DEPICTION IN WHICH A
13 REAL PERSON IS ACTUALLY ENGAGING IN ORAL SEXUAL CONTACT, SEXUAL CONTACT OR
14 SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH A REAL ANIMAL.
15 B. In addition to any other penalty imposed for a violation of
16 subsection A of this section, the court may order that the convicted
17 person do any of the following:
18 1. Undergo a psychological assessment and participate in
19 appropriate counseling at the convicted person's own expense.
20 2. Reimburse an animal shelter as defined in section 11-1022 for
21 any reasonable costs incurred for the care and maintenance of any animal
22 that was taken to the animal shelter as a result of conduct proscribed by
23 subsection A of this section.
24 C. This section does not apply to:
25 1. Accepted veterinary medical practices THAT ARE performed by a
26 licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician.
27 2. Insemination of animals by the same species, bred for commercial
28 purposes.
29 3. Accepted animal husbandry practices that provide necessary care
30 for animals bred for commercial purposes.
31 D. Bestiality PURSUANT TO:
32 1. SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1 OR 2 OF THIS SECTION is a class 6
33 felony, except that bestiality pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 2 of
34 this section is a class 3 felony punishable pursuant to section 13-705 if
35 the other person is a minor under fifteen years of age.
36 2. SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS 1
37 MISDEMEANOR.
38 E. For the purposes of this section: ~~;~~
39 1. "Animal" means a nonhuman mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian,
40 either dead or alive.
41 2. "VISUAL DEPICTION":
42 (a) MEANS A VIDEO OR PHOTOGRAPH ON FILM OR IN A DIGITAL FILE
43 FORMAT.
44 (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE A VIDEO OR PHOTOGRAPH THAT IS GENERATED USING
45 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JUNE 21, 2024.

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