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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to sexual abuse of a minor; relating to sexual assault; relating to the
2 code of military justice; relating to consent; relating to the testing of sexual assault
3 examination kits; and providing for an effective date."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 11.41.410(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) An offender commits the crime of sexual assault in the first degree if

7 (1) the offender engages in sexual penetration with another person
8 without consent of that person;

9 (2) the offender attempts to engage in sexual penetration with another
10 person without consent of that person and causes serious physical injury to that
11 person;

12 (3) the offender engages in sexual penetration with another person

13 (A) who the offender knows is mentally incapable; and

14 (B) who is in the offender's care

1 (i) by authority of law; or

2 (ii) in a facility or program that is required by law to be
3 licensed by the state; [OR]

4 (4) the offender engages in sexual penetration with a person who the
5 offender knows is unaware that a sexual act is being committed and

6 (A) the offender is a health care worker; and

7 (B) the offense takes place during the course of professional
8 treatment of the victim; or

9 **(5) the offender engages in sexual penetration with a person who is**
10 **induced to believe by artifice, pretense, or concealment that the offender is**
11 **another person.**

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 11.41.420(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) An offender commits the crime of sexual assault in the second degree if

14 (1) the offender engages in sexual contact with another person without
15 consent of that person;

16 (2) the offender engages in sexual contact with a person

17 (A) who the offender knows is mentally incapable; and

18 (B) who is in the offender's care

19 (i) by authority of law; or

20 (ii) in a facility or program that is required by law to be
21 licensed by the state;

22 (3) the offender engages in sexual penetration with a person who is

23 (A) mentally incapable;

24 (B) incapacitated; or

25 (C) unaware that a sexual act is being committed; [OR]

26 (4) the offender engages in sexual contact with a person who the
27 offender knows is unaware that a sexual act is being committed and

28 (A) the offender is a health care worker; and

29 (B) the offense takes place during the course of professional
30 treatment of the victim; or

31 **(5) the offender engages in sexual contact with a person who is**

1 **induced to believe by artifice, pretense, or concealment that the offender is**
 2 **another person.**

3 * **Sec. 3.** AS 11.41.434(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) An offender commits the crime of sexual abuse of a minor in the first
 5 degree if

6 (1) being 16 years of age or older, the offender engages in sexual
 7 penetration with a person who is under 13 years of age or aids, induces, causes, or
 8 encourages a person who is under 13 years of age to engage in sexual penetration with
 9 another person;

10 (2) being 18 years of age or older, the offender engages in sexual
 11 penetration with a person who is under 18 years of age, and the offender is the victim's
 12 natural parent, stepparent, adopted parent, or legal guardian; [OR]

13 (3) being 18 years of age or older, the offender engages in sexual
 14 penetration with a person who is under 16 years of age, and

15 (A) the victim at the time of the offense is residing in the same
 16 household as the offender and the offender has authority over the victim; or

17 (B) the offender occupies a position of authority in relation to
 18 the victim; **or**

19 **(4) being 18 years of age or older, the offender engages in sexual**
 20 **penetration with a person who is 13, 14, 15, 16, or 17 years of age and at least 10**
 21 **years younger than the offender, or aids, induces, causes, or encourages a person**
 22 **who is 13, 14, 15, 16, or 17 years of age and at least 10 years younger than the**
 23 **offender to engage in sexual penetration with another person.**

24 * **Sec. 4.** AS 11.41.436(a) is amended to read:

25 (a) An offender commits the crime of sexual abuse of a minor in the second
 26 degree if,

27 (1) being 17 years of age or older, the offender engages in sexual
 28 penetration with a person who is 13, 14, or 15 years of age and at least four years, **but**
 29 **not more than 10 years,** younger than the offender, or aids, induces, causes, or
 30 encourages a person who is 13, 14, or 15 years of age and at least four years, **but not**
 31 **more than 10 years,** younger than the offender to engage in sexual penetration with

1 another person;

2 (2) being 16 years of age or older, the offender engages in sexual
3 contact with a person who is under 13 years of age or aids, induces, causes, or
4 encourages a person under 13 years of age to engage in sexual contact with another
5 person;

6 (3) being 18 years of age or older, the offender engages in sexual
7 contact with a person who is under 18 years of age, and the offender is the victim's
8 natural parent, stepparent, adopted parent, or legal guardian;

9 (4) being 16 years of age or older, the offender aids, induces, causes,
10 or encourages a person who is under 16 years of age to engage in conduct described in
11 AS 11.41.455(a)(2) - (6);

12 (5) being 18 years of age or older, the offender engages in sexual
13 contact with a person who is under 16 years of age, and

14 (A) the victim at the time of the offense is residing in the same
15 household as the offender and the offender has authority over the victim; or

16 (B) the offender occupies a position of authority in relation to
17 the victim;

18 (6) being 18 years of age or older, the offender engages in sexual
19 penetration with a person who is 16 or 17 years of age and at least three years younger
20 than the offender, and the offender occupies a position of authority in relation to the
21 victim; [OR]

22 (7) being under 16 years of age, the offender engages in sexual
23 penetration with a person who is under 13 years of age and at least three years younger
24 than the offender; or

25 **(8) being 18 years of age or older, the offender engages in sexual**
26 **contact with a person who is 13, 14, 15, 16, or 17 years of age and at least 10 years**
27 **younger than the offender, or aids, induces, causes, or encourages a person who**
28 **is 13, 14, 15, 16, or 17 years of age and at least 10 years younger than the offender**
29 **to engage in sexual contact with another person.**

30 * **Sec. 5.** AS 11.41.445 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

31 (c) In a prosecution under AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.440, where consent is at

1 issue,

2 (1) an expression of lack of consent through words or conduct means
3 there is no consent; lack of verbal or physical resistance or submission resulting from
4 the use of force, threat of force, or placing another person in fear may not constitute
5 consent; a current or previous dating, social, or sexual relationship by itself or the
6 manner of dress of the person involved with the defendant in the conduct at issue may
7 not constitute consent;

8 (2) a person cannot consent to force causing or likely to cause death or
9 serious physical injury or to being rendered unconscious; a person cannot consent
10 while under threat or fear or under circumstances where the person is fraudulently
11 made to believe that the sexual act serves a professional purpose; in this paragraph,
12 "professional purpose" means an act the defendant has represented as a necessary part
13 or component of a provided service, part of the routine course of a procedure, or a
14 component of the defendant's profession that would occur if a person sought services
15 from another practitioner in the same field as the defendant;

16 (3) lack of consent may be inferred based on the circumstances of the
17 offense; the surrounding circumstances shall be considered in determining whether a
18 person gave consent or whether a person did not resist or ceased to resist only because
19 of another person's actions.

20 * **Sec. 6.** AS 11.41.470 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

21 (9) "consent" means a freely given, reversible agreement specific to
22 the conduct at issue; in this paragraph, "freely given" means agreement to cooperate in
23 the act was positively expressed by word or action.

24 * **Sec. 7.** AS 11.56.765(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

25 (5) "consent" has the meaning given in AS 11.41.470.

26 * **Sec. 8.** AS 11.56.767(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

27 (5) "consent" has the meaning given in AS 11.41.470.

28 * **Sec. 9.** AS 26.05.900(e) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

29 (9) "consent" has the meaning given in AS 26.05.890(h).

30 * **Sec. 10.** AS 44.41.065(a) is amended to read:

31 (a) When a law enforcement agency collects a sexual assault examination kit

1 under AS 18.68.010, the agency shall

2 (1) within 30 days after the agency collects the sexual assault
3 examination kit, send the sexual assault examination kit to an accredited laboratory in
4 coordination with the Department of Public Safety or a laboratory operated by the
5 Department of Public Safety;

6 (2) ensure that the laboratory to which the sexual assault examination
7 kit is sent under (1) of this subsection conducts a serological or DNA test on the
8 sexual assault examination kit within six months [ONE YEAR] after the laboratory
9 receives the sexual assault examination kit; and

10 (3) within two weeks after the laboratory that receives the sexual
11 assault examination kit under (1) of this subsection completes serological or DNA
12 testing, make a reasonable effort to notify the victim from whom the sexual assault
13 examination kit was collected that the sexual assault examination kit has been tested.

14 * **Sec. 11.** AS 11.41.470(8); AS 11.56.765(c)(4), 11.56.767(c)(4); and AS 26.05.900(e)(8)
15 are repealed.

16 * **Sec. 12.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
17 read:

18 APPLICABILITY. AS 11.41.410(a), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act,
19 AS 11.41.420(a), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, AS 11.41.434(a), as amended by sec. 3 of
20 this Act, AS 11.41.436(a), as amended by sec. 4 of this Act, AS 11.41.445(c), enacted by sec.
21 5 of this Act, AS 11.41.470, as amended by sec. 6 of this Act, AS 11.56.765(c), as amended
22 by sec. 7 of this Act, AS 11.56.767(c), as amended by sec. 8 of this Act, AS 26.05.900(e), as
23 amended by sec. 9 of this Act, and the repeals of AS 11.41.470(8), AS 11.56.765(c)(4),
24 AS 11.56.767(c)(4), and AS 26.05.900(e)(8) by sec. 11 of this Act apply to offenses
25 committed on or after the effective date of secs. 1 - 9 and 11 of this Act.

26 * **Sec. 13.** Section 10 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2023.