

**HOUSE BILL NO. 298**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/19/10

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the crimes of harassment, possession of child pornography, and  
2 distribution of indecent material to a minor; relating to suspending imposition of  
3 sentence and conditions of probation or parole for certain sex offenses; relating to  
4 aggravating factors in sentencing; relating to registration as a sex offender or child  
5 kidnapper; amending Rule 16, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure; and providing for  
6 an effective date."

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

8 \* **Section 1.** AS 11.56.759(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) A person commits the crime of violation by sex offender of condition of  
10 probation [OR PAROLE] if the person

11 (1) is on probation [OR PAROLE] for conviction of a sex offense;

12 (2) has served the entire term of incarceration imposed for conviction  
13 of the sex offense; and

- 1 (3) [EITHER  
 2 (A)] violates a condition of probation imposed under  
 3 AS 12.55.100(a)(5), (a)(6), or (e), 12.55.101(a)(1), or any other condition  
 4 imposed by the court that the court finds to be specifically related to the  
 5 defendant's offense [; OR  
 6 (B) VIOLATES A CONDITION OF PAROLE IMPOSED  
 7 UNDER AS 33.16.150(a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(6), (a)(13), (b)(4), (b)(11), OR (f)].

8 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 11.56.759(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) Violation by sex offender of condition of probation [OR PAROLE] is a  
 10 class A misdemeanor.

11 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 11.56.840 is repealed and reenacted to read:

12 **Sec. 11.56.840. Failure to register as a sex offender or child kidnapper in**  
 13 **the second degree.** (a) A person commits the crime of failure to register as a sex  
 14 offender or child kidnapper in the second degree if the person

15 (1) is required to register under AS 12.63.010;

16 (2) knows that the person is required to register under AS 12.63.010;

17 and

18 (3) fails to

19 (A) register;

20 (B) file written notice of

21 (i) change of residence;

22 (ii) change of mailing address;

23 (iii) establishment of an electronic or messaging address

24 or any change to an electronic or messaging address; or

25 (iv) establishment of an Internet communication  
 26 identifier or any change to an Internet communication identifier;

27 (C) file the annual or quarterly written verification; or

28 (D) supply accurate and complete information required to be  
 29 submitted under this paragraph.

30 (b) The failure to register under (a)(3)(A) of this section or file or supply the  
 31 written notices, verification, or other information required under (a)(3)(B) - (D) of this

1 section is conduct that does not require a culpable mental state.

2 (c) In a prosecution for failure to register as a sex offender in the second  
3 degree under (a) of this section, it is an affirmative defense that

4 (1) unforeseeable circumstances, outside the control of the person,  
5 prevented the person from registering under (a)(3)(A) of this section or filing or  
6 supplying the written notices, verification, and other information required under  
7 (a)(3)(B) - (D) of this section; and

8 (2) that the person contacted the Department of Public Safety orally  
9 and in writing immediately upon being able to perform the requirements described in  
10 this section.

11 (d) Failure to register as a sex offender or child kidnapper in the second degree  
12 is a class A misdemeanor.

13 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 11.61.118(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) A person commits the crime of harassment in the first degree if the person  
15 violates AS 11.61.120(a)(5) and the offensive physical contact is contact

16 (1) with human or animal blood, mucus, saliva, semen, urine, vomitus,  
17 or feces; or

18 (2) by the person touching another person's genitals, anus, or  
19 female breast, either directly or through clothing.

20 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 11.61.127(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) A person commits the crime of possession of child pornography if the  
22 person knowingly possesses or knowingly accesses on a computer with intent to  
23 view any material that visually or aurally depicts conduct described in  
24 AS 11.41.455(a) knowing that the production of the material involved the use of a  
25 child under 18 years of age who engaged in the conduct. In this subsection,  
26 "computer" has the meaning given in AS 11.46.990.

27 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 11.61.127(c) is amended to read:

28 (c) Each film, audio, video, electronic, or electromagnetic recording,  
29 photograph, negative, slide, book, newspaper, magazine, or other material that visually  
30 or aurally depicts conduct described in AS 11.41.455(a) that is possessed or accessed  
31 in violation of (a) of this section [BY A PERSON KNOWING THAT THE

1 PRODUCTION OF THE MATERIAL INVOLVED THE USE OF A CHILD  
 2 UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE THAT ENGAGED IN THE CONDUCT] is a separate  
 3 violation of this section.

4 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 11.61.127 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (e) In a prosecution for possession of child pornography under (a) of this  
 6 section, it is an affirmative defense that the person

7 (1) possessed or accessed less than three depictions described in (a) of  
 8 this section; and

9 (2) without allowing any person other than a law enforcement agency  
 10 to view the depictions, either took reasonable steps to destroy them, or reported the  
 11 matter to a law enforcement agency and allowed the agency access to the depictions.

12 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 11.61.128(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) A person commits the crime of [ELECTRONIC] distribution of indecent  
 14 material to minors if

15 (1) the person, being 18 years of age or older, knowingly distributes to  
 16 another person [BY COMPUTER] any material that depicts the following actual or  
 17 simulated conduct:

18 (A) sexual penetration;

19 (B) the lewd touching of a person's genitals, anus, or female  
 20 breast;

21 (C) masturbation;

22 (D) bestiality;

23 (E) the lewd exhibition of a person's genitals, anus, or female  
 24 breast; or

25 (F) sexual masochism or sadism; and

26 (2) either

27 (A) the other person is a child under 16 years of age; or

28 (B) the person believes that the other person is a child under 16  
 29 years of age.

30 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 11.61.128(c) is amended to read:

31 (c) Except as provided in (d) of this section, [ELECTRONIC] distribution of

1 indecent material to minors is a class C felony.

2 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 11.61.128(d) is amended to read:

3 (d) **Distribution** [ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION] of indecent material to  
4 minors is a class B felony if the defendant was, at the time of the offense, required to  
5 register as a sex offender or child kidnapper under AS 12.63 or a similar law of  
6 another jurisdiction.

7 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 12.55.085(f) is amended to read:

8 (f) The court may not suspend the imposition of sentence of a person who

9 (1) is convicted of a violation of AS 11.41.100 - 11.41.220, 11.41.260  
10 - 11.41.320, **11.41.360 - 11.41.370**, 11.41.410 - 11.41.530, [OR] AS 11.46.400, **or**  
11 **AS 11.61.125 - 11.61.128**;

12 (2) uses a firearm in the commission of the offense for which the  
13 person is convicted; or

14 (3) is convicted of a violation of AS 11.41.230 - 11.41.250 or a felony  
15 and the person has one or more prior convictions for a misdemeanor violation of  
16 AS 11.41 or for a felony or for a violation of a law in this or another jurisdiction  
17 having [SUBSTANTIALLY] similar elements to an offense defined as a misdemeanor  
18 in AS 11.41 or as a felony in this state; for the purposes of this paragraph, a person  
19 shall be considered to have a prior conviction even if that conviction has been set aside  
20 under (e) of this section or under the equivalent provision of the laws of another  
21 jurisdiction.

22 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 12.55.100(e) is repealed and reenacted to read:

23 (e) In addition to other conditions imposed on the defendant, while on  
24 probation and as a condition of probation

25 (1) for a sex offense, as described in AS 12.63.100, the defendant

26 (A) shall be required to submit to regular periodic polygraph  
27 examinations;

28 (B) may be required to provide each electronic mail address,  
29 instant messaging address, and other Internet communication identifier that the  
30 defendant uses to the defendant's probation officer; the probation officer shall  
31 forward these addresses and identifiers to the Alaska state troopers and to the

1 local law enforcement agency;

2 (2) if the defendant was convicted of a violation of AS 11.41.434 -  
3 11.41.455, AS 11.61.125 - 11.61.128, or a similar offense in another jurisdiction, the  
4 defendant may be required to refrain from

5 (A) using or creating an Internet site;

6 (B) communicating with children under 16 years of age; or

7 (C) possessing or using a computer.

8 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 12.55.155(c)(5) is amended to read:

9 (5) the defendant knew or reasonably should have known that the  
10 victim of the offense was particularly vulnerable or incapable of resistance due to  
11 advanced age, disability, ill health, homelessness, **consumption of alcohol or drugs,**  
12 or extreme youth or was for any other reason substantially incapable of exercising  
13 normal physical or mental powers of resistance;

14 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 12.55.155(c)(18) is amended to read:

15 (18) the offense was a felony

16 (A) specified in AS 11.41 and was committed against a spouse,  
17 a former spouse, or a member of the social unit made up of those living  
18 together in the same dwelling as the defendant;

19 (B) specified in AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.458 and the defendant  
20 has engaged in the same or other conduct prohibited by a provision of  
21 AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.460 involving the same or another victim; [OR]

22 (C) specified in AS 11.41 that is a crime involving domestic  
23 violence and was committed in the physical presence or hearing of a child  
24 under 16 years of age who was, at the time of the offense, living within the  
25 residence of the victim, the residence of the perpetrator, or the residence where  
26 the crime involving domestic violence occurred;

27 **(D) specified in AS 11.41 and was committed against a**  
28 **person with whom the defendant has a dating relationship or with whom**  
29 **the defendant has engaged in a sexual relationship; or**

30 **(E) specified in AS 11.41.436(a)(2) and the defendant is 18**  
31 **years of age or older;**

1 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 12.63.100(6) is amended to read:

2 (6) "sex offense" means

3 (A) a crime under AS 11.41.100(a)(3), or a similar law of  
4 another jurisdiction, in which the person committed or attempted to commit a  
5 sexual offense, or a similar offense under the laws of the other jurisdiction; in  
6 this subparagraph, "sexual offense" has the meaning given in  
7 AS 11.41.100(a)(3);

8 (B) a crime under AS 11.41.110(a)(3), or a similar law of  
9 another jurisdiction, in which the person committed or attempted to commit  
10 one of the following crimes, or a similar law of another jurisdiction:

11 (i) sexual assault in the first degree;

12 (ii) sexual assault in the second degree;

13 (iii) sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree; or

14 (iv) sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree;

15 (C) a crime, or an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit  
16 a crime, under the following statutes or a similar law of another jurisdiction:

17 (i) AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.438;

18 (ii) AS 11.41.440(a)(2);

19 (iii) AS 11.41.450 - 11.41.458;

20 (iv) AS 11.41.460 if the indecent exposure is before a  
21 person under 16 years of age and the offender has a previous conviction  
22 for that offense;

23 (v) AS 11.61.125 - 11.61.128;

24 (vi) AS 11.66.110 or 11.66.130(a)(2) if the person who  
25 was induced or caused to engage in prostitution was 16 or 17 years of  
26 age at the time of the offense; [OR]

27 (vii) former AS 11.15.120, former 11.15.134, or assault  
28 with the intent to commit rape under former AS 11.15.160, former  
29 AS 11.40.110, or former 11.40.200; **or**

30 **(D) a crime in another jurisdiction that requires the person**  
31 **to register as a sex offender or child kidnapper in that jurisdiction;**

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

3             DIRECT COURT RULE AMENDMENT. Rule 16(b)(1)(A), Alaska Rules of  
4 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read:

5                     (1) Information within Possession or Control of Prosecuting Attorney.

6                             (A) Except as is otherwise provided as to matters not subject to  
7 disclosure and protective orders, the prosecuting attorney shall disclose the  
8 following information within the prosecuting attorney's possession or control  
9 to defense counsel and make available for inspection and copying:

10                                     (i) The names and addresses of persons known by the  
11 government to have knowledge of relevant facts and their written or  
12 recorded statements or summaries of statements;

13                                     (ii) Any written or recorded statements and summaries  
14 of statements and the substance of any oral statements made by the  
15 accused;

16                                     (iii) Any written or recorded statements and summaries  
17 of statements and the substance of any oral statements made by a co-  
18 defendant;

19                                     (iv) Any books, papers, documents, photographs or  
20 tangible objects, which the prosecuting attorney intends to use in the  
21 hearing or trial or which were obtained from or belong to the accused  
22 **except for material prohibited under AS 11.41.455(a); material**  
23 **prohibited under AS 11.41.455(a) may be inspected by defense**  
24 **counsel, the defendant, and any expert the defense may use;**  
25 **however, the material shall remain in the custody and control of a**  
26 **law enforcement agency and the prosecuting attorney, and may not**  
27 **be copied or otherwise duplicated by the defense or any other**  
28 **person;** and

29                                     (v) Any record of prior criminal convictions of the  
30 defendant and of persons whom the prosecuting attorney intends to call  
31 as witnesses at the hearing or trial.

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

3             **APPLICABILITY.** (a) Sections 1 - 15 of this Act apply to offenses committed on or  
4 after the effective date of this Act.

5             (b) Section 16 of this Act applies to offenses committed before, on, or after the  
6 effective date of this Act.

7     \* **Sec. 18.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2010.