

HOUSE BILL 87

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AN ACT

RELATED TO CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONTACT; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE NON-CONSENSUAL TOUCHING BE TO AN UNCLOTHED INTIMATE PART.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 30-9-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 109, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"30-9-12. CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONTACT.--

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A. Criminal sexual contact is the unlawful and intentional touching of or application of force, without consent, ~~SJC→HJC→with the intent to arouse or gratify sexual desire,~~ ←HJC←SJC SJC→with the intent to arouse or gratify sexual desire or to intrude upon the bodily integrity or personal safety of the victim or for any other unlawful purpose←SJC to the SJC→~~HJC→clothed or~~←HJC←SJC SJC→clothed or←SJC SJC→~~HJC→[unclothed]~~←HJC ~~HJC→unclothed~~←HJC←SJC SJC→~~SJC→[unclothed]~~←SJC←SJC SJC→unclothed←SJC intimate parts of another who has reached [~~his eighteenth birthday~~] eighteen years of age, or intentionally causing another who has reached [~~his eighteenth birthday~~] eighteen years of age to touch one's HJC→clothed or unclothed←HJC intimate parts.

HJC→~~B. Criminal sexual contact does not include touching by a psychotherapist on [his] a patient that is:~~

~~(1) inadvertent;~~

~~(2) casual social contact not intended to be sexual in nature; or~~

~~(3) generally recognized by mental health professionals as being a legitimate element of psychotherapy.~~←HJC

HJC→~~C.~~←HJC HJC→~~B.~~←HJC Criminal sexual contact in the fourth degree consists of all criminal sexual contact perpetrated:

(1) by the use of force or coercion that

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results in personal injury to the victim;

(2) by the use of force or coercion when the perpetrator is aided or abetted by one or more persons; or

(3) when the perpetrator is armed with a deadly weapon.

HJC→~~D.~~←HJC HJC→C.←HJC Whoever commits criminal sexual contact in the fourth degree is guilty of a fourth degree felony.

[D.] HJC→~~E.~~←HJC HJC→D.←HJC Criminal sexual contact is a misdemeanor when perpetrated with the use of force or coercion.

[E.] HJC→~~F.~~←HJC HJC→E.←HJC For the purposes of this section HJC→,←HJC HJC→:

(1)←HJC "intimate parts" means the primary genital area, groin, buttocks, anus or breast HJC→."←HJC HJC→;  
and

(2) "primary genital area" means the mons pubis, penis, testicles, mons veneris, vulva or vagina."←HJC