

**UNLAWFUL SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH A
MINOR**

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STATE OF UTAH

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AN ACT RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL CODE; ESTABLISHING THE CRIME OF UNLAWFUL SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH A MINOR AND PROVIDING PENALTIES; REPEALING CRIME OF UNLAWFUL SEXUAL INTERCOURSE; ESTABLISHING THE CRIME OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

76-5-401.1, Utah Code Annotated 1953

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

76-5-401, as last amended by Chapter 88, Laws of Utah 1983

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **76-5-401** is repealed and reenacted to read:

76-5-401. Unlawful sexual activity with a minor -- Elements -- Penalties -- Evidence of age raised by defendant.

(1) For purposes of this section "minor" is a person who is 14 years of age or older, but younger than 16 years of age, at the time the sexual activity described in this section occurred.

(2) A person commits unlawful sexual activity with a minor if, under circumstances not amounting to rape, in violation of Section 76-5-402, object rape, in violation of Section 76-5-402.2, forcible sodomy, in violation of Section 76-5-403, or aggravated sexual assault, in violation of Section 76-5-405, the actor:

(a) has sexual intercourse with the minor;

(b) engages in any sexual act with the minor involving the genitals of one person and the mouth or anus of another person, regardless of the sex of either participant; or

(c) causes the penetration, however slight, of the genital or anal opening of the minor by

any foreign object, substance, instrument, or device, including a part of the human body, with the intent to cause substantial emotional or bodily pain to any person or with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person, regardless of the sex of any participant.

(3) A violation of Subsection (2) is a third degree felony unless the defendant establishes by a preponderance of the evidence the mitigating factor that the defendant is less than four years older than the minor at the time the sexual activity occurred, in which case it is a class B misdemeanor.

Section 2. Section **76-5-401.1** is enacted to read:

76-5-401.1. Sexual abuse of a minor.

(1) For purposes of this section "minor" is a person who is 14 years of age or older, but younger than 16 years of age, at the time the sexual activity described in this section occurred.

(2) A person commits sexual abuse of a minor if the person is seven years or more older than the minor and, under circumstances not amounting to rape, in violation of Section 76-5-402, object rape, in violation of Section 76-5-402.2, forcible sodomy, in violation of Section 76-5-403, aggravated sexual assault, in violation of Section 76-5-405, unlawful sexual activity with a minor, in violation of Section 76-5-401, or an attempt to commit any of those offenses, the person touches the anus, buttocks, or any part of the genitals of the minor, or touches the breast of a female minor, or otherwise takes indecent liberties with the minor, or causes a minor to take indecent liberties with the actor or another person, with the intent to cause substantial emotional or bodily pain to any person or with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person regardless of the sex of any participant.

(3) A violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor.