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1	SEXUAL OFFENSE AMENDMENTS
2	1999 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Sponsor: Brent H. Goodfellow
5	AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; AMENDING ELEMENTS AND DESCRIPTIONS
6	OF CERTAIN CRIMES INVOLVING SEXUAL OFFENSES; AND MAKING
7	CORRESPONDING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.
8	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
9	AMENDS:
10	31A-21-501 , as enacted by Chapter 132, Laws of Utah 1997
11	53-10-403, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 263, Laws of Utah 1998
12	76-2-304.5, as last amended by Chapter 137, Laws of Utah 1996
13	76-5-407, as last amended by Chapter 137, Laws of Utah 1996
14	76-9-301.8, as last amended by Chapter 12, Laws of Utah 1994
15	76-9-702, as last amended by Chapter 137, Laws of Utah 1996
16	76-9-702.5, as last amended by Chapter 107, Laws of Utah 1996
17	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
18	Section 1. Section 31A-21-501 is amended to read:
19	31A-21-501. Definitions.
20	For purposes of this part:
21	(1) "Applicant" means:
22	(a) in the case of an individual life or disability policy, the person who seeks to contract
23	for insurance benefits; or
24	(b) in the case of a group life or disability policy, the proposed certificate holder.
25	(2) "Cohabitant" means an emancipated individual pursuant to Section 15-2-1 or an
26	individual who is 16 years of age or older who:
27	(a) is or was a spouse of the other party;

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28	(b) is or was living as if a spouse of the other party;
29	(c) is related by blood or marriage to the other party;
30	(d) has one or more children in common with the other party; or
31	(e) resides or has resided in the same residence as the other party.
32	(3) "Child abuse" means the commission or attempt to commit against a child a criminal
33	offense described in:
34	(a) Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 1, Assault and Related Offenses;
35	(b) Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses;
36	(c) [Section] Subsections 76-9-702(1) through (4), Lewdness-[Gross Lewdness] Sexual
37	battery; or
38	(d) Section 76-9-702.5, Lewdness Involving a Child.
39	(4) "Domestic violence" means any criminal offense involving violence or physical harm
40	or threat of violence or physical harm, or any attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit a
41	criminal offense involving violence or physical harm, when committed by one cohabitant against
42	another and includes commission or attempt to commit, any of the following offenses by one
43	cohabitant against another:
44	(a) aggravated assault, as described in Section 76-5-103;
45	(b) assault, as described in Section 76-5-102;
46	(c) criminal homicide, as described in Section 76-5-201;
47	(d) harassment, as described in Section 76-5-106;
48	(e) telephone harassment, as described in Section 76-9-201;
49	(f) kidnaping, child kidnaping, or aggravated kidnaping, as described in Sections 76-5-301,
50	76-5-301.1, and 76-5-302;
51	(g) mayhem, as described in Section 76-5-105;
52	(h) sexual offenses, as described in Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, and Title 76, Chapter 5a;
53	(i) stalking, as described in Section 76-5-106.5;
54	(j) unlawful detention, as described in Section 76-5-304;
55	(k) violation of a protective order or ex parte protective order, as described in Section
56	76-5-108;
57	(1) any offense against property described in Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 1, 2, or 3;
58	(m) possession of a deadly weapon with intent to assault, as described in Section

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59	76-10-507; or
60	(n) discharge of a firearm from a vehicle, near a highway, or in the direction of any person,
61	building, or vehicle, as described in Section 76-10-508.
62	(5) "Subject of domestic abuse" means an individual who is, has been, may currently be,
63	or may have been subject to domestic violence or child abuse.
64	Section 2. Section 53-10-403 is amended to read:
65	53-10-403. Blood analysis Application to offenders.
66	Sections 53-10-404, 53-10-405, and 53-10-406 apply to any person convicted of any of the
67	following offenses:
68	(1) unlawful sexual [intercourse] activity with minor, sexual abuse of a minor, unlawful
69	sexual conduct with a 16 or 17 year old, rape, rape of a child, object rape, object rape of a child,
70	forcible sodomy, sodomy of a child, forcible sexual abuse, sexual abuse of a child or aggravated
71	sexual abuse of a child, aggravated sexual assault, sexual abuse without consent of the victim,
72	incest, sexual exploitation of a minor; or
73	(2) murder or aggravated murder.
74	Section 3. Section 76-2-304.5 is amended to read:
75	76-2-304.5. Mistake as to victim's age not a defense.
76	(1) It is not a defense to the crime of child kidnaping, a violation of Section 76-5-301.1;
77	rape of a child, a violation of Section 76-5-402.1; object rape of a child, a violation of Section
78	76-5-402.3; sodomy upon a child, a violation of Section 76-5-403.1; or sexual abuse of a child, a
79	violation of Section 76-5-404.1; or aggravated sexual abuse of a child, a violation of Subsection
80	76-5-404.1(3); or an attempt to commit any of those offenses, that the actor mistakenly believed
81	the victim to be 14 years of age or older at the time of the alleged offense or was unaware of the
82	victim's true age.
83	(2) It is not a defense to the crime of unlawful sexual [intercourse] activity with a minor,
84	a violation of Section 76-5-401, sexual abuse of a minor, a violation of Section 76-5-401.1 or an
85	attempt to commit [that crime] either of these offenses, that the actor mistakenly believed the
86	victim to be 16 years of age or older at the time of the alleged offense or was unaware of the
87	victim's true age.
88	(3) It is not a defense to the crime of unlawful sexual conduct with a 16 or 17 year old, a
89	violation of Section 76-5-401.2, or an attempt to commit that offense, that the actor mistakenly

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90	believed the victim to be 18 years of age or older at the time of the alleged offense or was unaware
91	of the victim's true age.
92	Section 4. Section 76-5-407 is amended to read:
93	76-5-407. Applicability of part "Penetration" or "touching" sufficient to constitute
94	offense.
95	(1) The provisions of this part do not apply to consensual conduct between persons
96	married to each other.
97	(2) In any prosecution for:
98	(a) the following offenses, any sexual penetration, however slight, is sufficient to
99	constitute the relevant element of the offense:
100	(i) unlawful sexual activity with a minor, a violation of Section 76-5-401, involving sexual
101	intercourse;
102	(ii) unlawful sexual conduct with a 16 or 17 year old, a violation of Subsection 76-5-401.2,
103	involving sexual intercourse[,]; or
104	(iii) rape, [rape of a child, object rape of a child, sodomy, or forcible sodomy, any sexual
105	penetration or, in the case of] a violation of Section 76-5-402; or
106	(b) the following offenses, any touching, however slight, is sufficient to constitute the
107	relevant element of the offense:
108	(i) unlawful sexual activity with a minor, a violation of Section 76-5-401, involving acts
109	of sodomy or object penetration;
110	(ii) unlawful sexual conduct with a 16 or 17 year old, a violation of Section 76-5-401.2,
111	involving acts of sodomy or object penetration;
112	(iii) sodomy, a violation of Subsection 76-5-403(1);
113	(iv) forcible sodomy, a violation of Subsection 76-5-403(2);
114	(v) rape of a child, <u>a violation of Section 76-5-402.1</u> ; or
115	(vi) object rape of a child [any touching, however slight, is sufficient to constitute the
116	relevant element of the offense], a violation of Section 76-5-402.3.
117	(3) In any prosecution for the following offenses, any touching, even if accomplished
118	through clothing, is sufficient to constitute the relevant element of the offense:
119	(a) sodomy on a child, a violation of Section 76-5-403.1; or
120	(b) sexual abuse of a child[,] or aggravated sexual abuse of a child [any touching, even if

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121	accomplished through clothing, is sufficient to constitute the relevant element of the offense], a
122	violation of Section 76-5-404.1.
123	Section 5. Section 76-9-301.8 is amended to read:
124	76-9-301.8. Bestiality Definitions Penalty.
125	(1) A person commits the crime of bestiality if the actor engages in any sexual activity with
126	an animal with the intent of sexual gratification of the actor.
127	(2) For purposes of this section only:
128	(a) ["animal"] "Animal" means any live, nonhuman vertebrate creature, including fowl[;
129	and].
130	(b) ["sexual] "Sexual activity" means physical sexual contact:
131	(i) between the actor and the animal involving the genitals of the actor [or] and the genitals
132	of the animal;
133	(ii) the genitals of the actor or the animal and the mouth or anus of the actor or the animal;
134	<u>or</u>
135	[(iii)] (iii) through the actor's use of an object in contact with the genitals or anus of the
136	animal.
137	(3) A crime of bestiality is a class B misdemeanor.
138	Section 6. Section 76-9-702 is amended to read:
139	76-9-702. Lewdness Sexual battery Public urination.
140	(1) A person is guilty of lewdness if the person under circumstances not amounting to rape,
141	object rape, forcible sodomy, forcible sexual abuse, aggravated sexual assault, or an attempt to
142	commit any of these offenses, performs any of the following acts under circumstances which the
143	person should know will likely cause affront or alarm to, on, or in the presence of another who is
144	14 years of age or older:
145	(a) an act of sexual intercourse or sodomy[,];
146	(b) exposes his or her genitals [or private parts], the female breast below the top of the
147	areola, the buttocks, the anus, or the pubic area;
148	(c) masturbates[,];
149	(d) engages in trespassory voyeurism[,]: or [performs]
150	(e) any other act of lewdness [in a public place or under circumstances which the person
151	should know will likely cause affront or alarm to, on, or in the presence of another who is 14 years

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- 183 (B) with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of the actor or the child;
- 184 (c) masturbates;
- 185 (d) engages in trespassory voyeurism;
- 186 (e) under circumstances not amounting to sexual exploitation of a child under Section
- 187 76-5a-3, causes a child under the age of 14 years to expose his or her genitals, anus, or breast, if
- 188 female, to the actor, with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of the actor or the child;
- 189 or
- 190 (f) performs any other act of lewdness.
- 191 (2) Lewdness involving a child is a class A misdemeanor.

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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