

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1272

Page 1, line 1, after "12.1-20-02" insert ", 12.1-20-03,"

Page 1, line 7, replace "the use by the actor of words or circumstances that cause the" with "to exploit fear or anxiety through intimidation, compulsion, domination, or control with the intent to compel conduct or compliance."

Page 1, remove lines 8 through 10

Page 2, after line 2, insert:

**"SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-20-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**12.1-20-03. Gross sexual imposition - Penalty.**

1. A person who engages in a sexual act with another, or who causes another to engage in a sexual act, is guilty of an offense if:
  - a. That person compels the victim to submit by force or by threat of imminent death, serious bodily injury, or kidnapping, to be inflicted on any human being;
  - b. That person or someone with that person's knowledge has substantially impaired the victim's power to appraise or control the victim's conduct by administering or employing without the victim's knowledge intoxicants, a controlled substance as defined in chapter 19-03.1, or other means with intent to prevent resistance;
  - c. That person knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the victim is unaware that a sexual act is being committed upon him or her;
  - d. The victim is less than fifteen years old; or
  - e. That person knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person suffers from a mental disease or defect which renders him or her incapable of understanding the nature of his or her conduct.
2. A person who engages in sexual contact with another, or who causes another to engage in sexual contact, is guilty of an offense if:
  - a. The victim is less than fifteen years old;
  - b. That person compels the victim to submit by force or by threat of imminent death, serious bodily injury, or kidnapping, to be inflicted on any human being; or
  - c. That person knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the victim is unaware that sexual contact is being committed on the victim.

3. a. An offense under this section is a class AA felony if in the course of the offense the actor inflicts serious bodily injury upon the victim, if the actor's conduct violates subdivision a of subsection 1, or if the actor's conduct violates subdivision d of subsection 1 and the actor was at least twenty-two years of age at the time of the offense. For any conviction of a class AA felony under subdivision a of subsection 1, the court shall impose a minimum sentence of twenty years' imprisonment, with probation supervision to follow the incarceration. The court may deviate from the mandatory sentence if the court finds that the sentence would impose a manifest injustice as defined in section 39-01-01 and the defendant has accepted responsibility for the crime or cooperated with law enforcement. However, a defendant convicted of a class AA felony under this section may not be sentenced to serve less than five years of incarceration.
- b. Otherwise the offense is a class A felony.
4. If, as a result of injuries sustained during the course of an offense under this section, the victim dies, the offense is a class AA felony, for which the maximum penalty of life imprisonment without parole must be imposed."

Page 2, line 6, remove "1."

Page 2, line 9, remove the overstrike over "4-.", remove "a.", and after "threat" insert "or coercion"

Page 2, line 10, overstrike "of reasonable firmness" and insert immediately thereafter "reasonably"

Page 2, line 11, remove the overstrike over "2." and remove "b."

Page 2, remove lines 15 through 18

Renumber accordingly