

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 65

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An act to amend Section 261 of the Penal Code, relating to crimes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 65, as introduced, Achadjian. Crimes: rape.

Existing law provides various circumstances that constitute rape, including an act of sexual intercourse accomplished with a person who is not the spouse of the perpetrator where the person submits under the belief that the person committing the act is the victim's spouse, and this belief is induced by artifice, pretense, or concealment practiced by the accused, with the intent to induce the belief.

This bill would additionally provide that this type of rape occurs where the person submits under the belief that the person committing the act is the victim's cohabitant, fiancée, fiancée, or someone with whom the victim has a dating relationship.

By expanding the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 261 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:

3 261. (a) Rape is an act of sexual intercourse accomplished
4 with a person not the spouse of the perpetrator, under any of the
5 following circumstances:

6 (1) Where a person is incapable, because of a mental disorder
7 or developmental or physical disability, of giving legal consent,
8 and this is known or reasonably should be known to the person
9 committing the act. Notwithstanding the existence of a
10 conservatorship pursuant to the provisions of the
11 Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Part 1 (commencing with Section
12 5000) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code), the
13 prosecuting attorney shall prove, as an element of the crime, that
14 a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability rendered
15 the alleged victim incapable of giving consent.

16 (2) Where it is accomplished against a person’s will by means
17 of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and
18 unlawful bodily injury on the person or another.

19 (3) Where a person is prevented from resisting by any
20 intoxicating or anesthetic substance, or any controlled substance,
21 and this condition was known, or reasonably should have been
22 known by the accused.

23 (4) Where a person is at the time unconscious of the nature of
24 the act, and this is known to the accused. As used in this paragraph,
25 “unconscious of the nature of the act” means incapable of resisting
26 because the victim meets *any* one of the following conditions:

27 (A) Was unconscious or asleep.

1 (B) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant that the
2 act occurred.

3 (C) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant of the
4 essential characteristics of the act due to the perpetrator’s fraud in
5 fact.

6 (D) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant of the
7 essential characteristics of the act due to the perpetrator’s fraudulent
8 representation that the sexual penetration served a professional
9 purpose when it served no professional purpose.

10 (5) Where a person submits under the belief that the person
11 committing the act is the victim’s spouse, *cohabitant, fiancé,*
12 *fiancée, or someone with whom the victim has a dating*
13 *relationship, as defined in subdivision (f) of Section 243, and this*
14 belief is induced by any artifice, pretense, or concealment practiced
15 by the accused, with intent to induce the belief.

16 (6) Where the act is accomplished against the victim’s will by
17 threatening to retaliate in the future against the victim or any other
18 person, and there is a reasonable possibility that the perpetrator
19 will execute the threat. As used in this paragraph, “threatening to
20 retaliate” means a threat to kidnap or falsely imprison, or to inflict
21 extreme pain, serious bodily injury, or death.

22 (7) Where the act is accomplished against the victim’s will by
23 threatening to use the authority of a public official to incarcerate,
24 arrest, or deport the victim or another, and the victim has a
25 reasonable belief that the perpetrator is a public official. As used
26 in this paragraph, “public official” means a person employed by
27 a governmental agency who has the authority, as part of that
28 position, to incarcerate, arrest, or deport another. The perpetrator
29 does not actually have to be a public official.

30 (b) As used in this section, “duress” means a direct or implied
31 threat of force, violence, danger, or retribution sufficient to coerce
32 a reasonable person of ordinary susceptibilities to perform an act
33 which otherwise would not have been performed, or acquiesce in
34 an act to which one otherwise would not have submitted. The total
35 circumstances, including the age of the victim, and his or her
36 relationship to the defendant, are factors to consider in appraising
37 the existence of duress.

38 (c) As used in this section, “menace” means any threat,
39 declaration, or act which shows an intention to inflict an injury
40 upon another.

1 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
2 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
3 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
4 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
5 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
6 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
7 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
8 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
9 Constitution.

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