

REFERENCE TITLE: **child sex trafficking; juvenile defendants**

State of Arizona
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HB 2207

Introduced by
Representative Bliss

AN ACT

**AMENDING SECTION 13-720, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SENTENCING
AND IMPRISONMENT.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Subject to the requirements of article IV, part 1,
3 section 1, Constitution of Arizona, section 13-720, Arizona Revised
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 13-720. Child sex trafficking; felony; natural life;
6 sentencing

7 A. Notwithstanding any other law, if a person is convicted of a
8 class 2 felony for child sex trafficking pursuant to section 13-3212, the
9 person shall be sentenced to imprisonment in the custody of the state
10 department of corrections for natural life. A person who is sentenced to
11 natural life is not eligible for any form of release.

12 B. A PERSON SHALL NOT BE SENTENCED TO NATURAL LIFE PURSUANT TO THIS
13 SECTION IF THE COURT FINDS BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE
14 PERSON WAS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF THE COMMISSION OF
15 THE OFFENSE AND THAT THE PERSON WAS IN FACT A VICTIM OF CHILD SEX
16 TRAFFICKING PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-3212 COMMITTED BY ANOTHER PERSON BEFORE
17 THE PERSON COMMITTED THE OFFENSE FOR WHICH THE PERSON WAS CONVICTED.

18 Sec. 2. Legislative intent

19 The legislature intends to amend section 13-720, Arizona Revised
20 Statutes, as amended by this act, in order to preserve the rights of
21 juveniles under the eighth amendment of the United States Constitution.

22 Sec. 3. Requirements for enactment; three-fourths vote

23 Pursuant to article IV, part 1, section 1, Constitution of Arizona,
24 section 13-720, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, is
25 effective only on the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the
26 members of each house of the legislature.