

House Engrossed

child sex trafficking; juvenile defendants

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
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CHAPTER 131
HOUSE BILL 2207

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 Notwithstanding any other law, if a person is convicted of a class 2
8 felony for child sex trafficking pursuant to section 13-3212, ~~AND THE~~
9 ~~PERSON WAS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHEN THE PERSON COMMITTED THE~~
10 ~~OFFENSE~~, the person shall be sentenced to imprisonment in the custody of
11 the state department of corrections for natural life. A person who is
12 sentenced to natural life is not eligible for any form of release.

13 Sec. 2. Legislative intent

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

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

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

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 6, 2025.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 6, 2025.