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CHAPTER 238

SENATE BILL 1669

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-1421, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SEXUAL
OFFENSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 13-1421, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 13-1421. Evidence relating to victim's chastity; pretrial
5 hearing

6 A. Evidence relating to a victim's reputation for chastity and
7 opinion evidence relating to a victim's chastity are not admissible in any
8 prosecution for any offense in this chapter, section 13-3212 or chapter
9 35.1 of this title. Evidence of specific instances of the victim's prior
10 sexual conduct may be admitted only if a judge finds the evidence is
11 relevant and is material to a fact in issue in the case and that the
12 inflammatory or prejudicial nature of the evidence does not outweigh the
13 probative value of the evidence, and if the evidence is one of the
14 following:

- 15 1. Evidence of the victim's past sexual conduct with the defendant.
- 16 2. Evidence of specific instances of sexual activity showing the
17 source or origin of semen, pregnancy, disease or ~~trauma~~ PHYSICAL INJURY.
- 18 3. Evidence that supports a claim that the victim has a motive in
19 accusing the defendant of the crime.
- 20 4. Evidence offered for the purpose of impeachment when the
21 prosecutor puts the victim's prior sexual conduct in issue.
- 22 5. Evidence of false allegations of sexual misconduct made by the
23 victim against others.

24 B. Evidence described in subsection A of this section shall not be
25 referred to in any statements to a jury or introduced at trial without a
26 court order after a hearing on written motions is held to determine the
27 admissibility of the evidence. If new information is discovered during
28 the course of the trial that may make the evidence described in subsection
29 A of this section admissible, the court may hold a hearing to determine
30 the admissibility of the evidence under subsection A of this section. The
31 standard for admissibility of evidence under subsection A of this section
32 is by clear and convincing evidence.

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