

Russian Federation

Federal Law No.162-FZ amending Criminal Code promulgated on 16 December 2003 (excerpts)

Excerpts from Federal Law No. 162-FZ

"On Introducing Changes and Amendments to the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation"

Passed by the State Duma

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(...)

"77) In Article 151

The word "prostitution" in part one of the Article shall be deleted".

"78) Article 152 of the Code shall be null and void"

Article 151. Involvement of a Minor in the Commission of Antisocial Actions

1. Involvement of a minor in the systematic use of alcoholic drinks or stupefying substances, in prostitution, vagrancy, or alms gathering -

shall be punishable by [compulsory works](#) for a term of 180 to 240 hours, or by corrective labour for a term of one year to two years, or by [arrest](#) for a term of three to six months, or by deprivation of liberty for a term of up to four years.

2. The same deed committed by a parent, teacher, or any other person who is charged by law with the duty of bringing up a minor,

shall be punishable by [restraint of liberty](#) for a term of up to three years, or by arrest for a term of four to six months, or by deprivation of liberty for a term of up to five years, with disqualification to hold specified offices or to engage in specified activities for a term of up to three years, or permanent disqualification.

3. Deeds provided for by the first or second part of this Article and committed repeatedly, or with the use of violence or with the threat of its use,

shall be punishable by [deprivation of liberty](#) for a term of up to six years.

Article 152. Traffic in Minors

1. Purchase or sale of a minor, or the commission of other deals involving a minor, in the form of his transfer and control,

shall be punishable by compulsory works for a term of 180 to 240 hours, or by [corrective labour](#) for a term of one year to two years, or by restraint of liberty for a term of up to three years, or by deprivation of liberty for a term of up to five years.

2. The same acts committed:

a) repeatedly;

b) against two or more minors;

c) by a group of persons under a preliminary conspiracy or an organized group;

d) by a person through his official position;

e) with the illegal removal of a minor abroad, or with his illegal import from abroad;

f) for the purpose of involving a minor in the commission of a crime or any other antisocial action, and also for committing acts of sexual nature;

g) for the purpose of withdrawing from a minor his or her organs or tissues for transplantation,

shall be punishable by [deprivation of liberty](#) for a term of three to ten years.

3. Deeds provided for by the first or second part of this Article, and entailing, by negligence, the death of a minor or any other serious consequences,

shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of five to 15 years.

Article 241. Organization of the Activity of Prostitution

1. Acts directed towards the organization of the activity of prostitution by others, or likewise the maintenance of places of prostitution or periodic provision of premises for the purpose of engaging in prostitution -

shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred thousand to five hundred thousand rubles or by a fine equaling the wages or other income of the offender over a period of one to three years or by restriction of liberty for a period of up to 5 years or by a term of imprisonment for the same period of time.

2. The same acts:

(a) committed by a person through his official position;

(b) committed through the use or threat of force;

(c) involving the use of persons known to be minors in prostitution activity, -

shall be punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to 6 years.

3. Acts specified in Parts One or Two of this Article involving the use of persons known to be under the age of 14 in prostitution activity, -

shall be punishable by a term of imprisonment of 3 to 10 years."

"167) In Article 242 of the Criminal Code, the words "from five-hundred to eight-hundred times the minimum wage" shall be replaced by the words "from one hundred thousand to three hundred thousand rubles", and the words "from five to eight months" shall be replaced by the words "from one year to two years;"*

"168) The Criminal Code shall be supplemented by Article 242¹ to read as follows:

"Article 242¹ Manufacture and Distribution of Materials or Objects with Pornographic Depictions of Minors

1. The manufacture, storage, or movement across the state borders of the Russian Federation for the purpose of distribution, public demonstration, or advertisement, or the distribution, public demonstration, or advertisement of materials or objects with pornographic depictions of persons known to be minors, or the involvement of persons known to be minors as performers in shows of pornographic nature by a person under the age of 18, -

shall be punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to 6 years.

2. The same acts committed:

(a) by a parent or other person charged with legal responsibility for raising a minor, or by a teacher or other employee of an educational, developmental, medical or other institution responsible for the oversight of a minor;

(b) with regard to a person known to be under the age of 14;

(c) by a group of persons through prior agreement or by an organized group, -

shall be punishable by a term of imprisonment of 3 to 8 years."

"242) In Article 327, Part Two, the word "repeatedly" shall be replaced with the words "with the goal of concealing the commission of another crime or with the facilitating its commission." In Article 327, Part Three, the words "from one hundred to two hundred times the minimum wage" shall be replaced by the words "up to eighty-thousand rubles" and the words "from one to two" shall be replaced by the words "up to six."*