



SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

BILL FOR

ACT NO. OF 2023

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Governor-General

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AN ACT to amend the Criminal Code, Chapter 171 of the Laws of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Revised Edition, 2009.

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THE PARLIAMENT of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines enacts as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Criminal Code (Amendment) Act 2023.

Amendment of section 125

Intercourse with a girl under fifteen

2. Section 125(1) of the Criminal Code, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by deleting “five years” and substituting “fifteen years”.

Amendment of section 126

Intercourse with a defective

3. Section 126(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting “five years” and substituting “fifteen years”.

Amendment of section 127

Indecent assault

4. Section 127(1) of the principal Act is amended-
 - (a) in paragraph (a) by deleting “five years” and substituting “ten years”; and
 - (b) in paragraph (b) by deleting “two years” and substituting “five years”.

Amendment of section 128

Indecency with a child

5. Section 128 of the principal Act is amended by deleting “one year” and substituting “ten years”.

Amendment of section 129

Permitting girl under fifteen to use premises for intercourse

6. Section 129 of the principal Act is amended-
- (a) in paragraph (a) by deleting “fourteen years” and substituting “fifteen years”; and
 - (b) in paragraph (b) by deleting “seven years” and substituting “ten years”.

Amendment of section 130

Causing or encouraging prostitution, etc., of a girl under fifteen

7. Section 130(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting “seven years” and substituting “fifteen years”.

Amendment of section 131

Causing prostitution of a woman

8. Section 131 of the principal Act is amended by deleting “fourteen years” and substituting “fifteen years”.

Amendment of section 132

Detention in a brothel

9. Section 132(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting “fourteen years” and substituting “fifteen years”.

Amendment of section 133

Man living on earnings of prostitution

10. Section 133(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting “fourteen years” and substituting “fifteen years”.

Amendment of section 134

Woman exercising control over prostitute

11. Section 134 of the principal Act is amended by deleting “fourteen years” and substituting “fifteen years”.

Amendment of section 135

Living on earnings of male prostitute

12. Section 135 of the principal Act is amended by deleting “fourteen years” and substituting “fifteen years”.

Amendment of section 136

Keeping, etc., a brothel

13. Section 136(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting “fourteen years” and substituting “fifteen years”.

Amendment of section 137

Letting premises for use as a brothel

14. Section 137 of the principal Act is amended by-
- (a) deleting “seven years” and substituting “ten years” and
 - (b) deleting “fourteen years” and substituting “fifteen years”.

Amendment of section 138

Procurement of a woman by threats

15. Section 138 of the principal Act is amended by deleting “two years” and substituting “seven years”.

Amendment of section 139

Procurement of a woman by false pretences

16. Section 139 of the principal Act is amended by deleting “two years” and substituting “seven years”.

Amendment of section 140

Administering drugs to facilitate intercourse

17. Section 140(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting “five years” and substituting “ten years”.

Amendment of section 142

Incest by a man

18. Section 142 of the principal Act is amended by deleting “fourteen years” and substituting “twenty years”.

Amendment of section 144

Incest by a woman

19. Section 144 of the principal Act is amended by deleting “seven years” and substituting “twenty years”.

Passed in the House of Assembly this day of 2023.

Clerk of the House of Assembly.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to amend Chapter VIII of the Criminal Code, Chapter 171 of the Laws of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Revised Edition, 2009.

Dr. the Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves
Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Legal
Affairs and Information