

TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
DIVISION 1: CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

§ 1311. Incest.

(a) A person commits the crime of incest if, being 18 years of age or older, that person engages in sexual penetration with another who is related either legitimately or illegitimately, as

- (1) an ancestor or descendant of the whole or half blood;
- (2) a brother or sister of the whole or half blood; or
- (3) an uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece by blood.

(b) Incest is punishable by imprisonment for not more than five years, a fine of not more than \$2,000, or both.

Source: PL 3-62, § 1 (§§ 2, 3, 4), modified; amended by PL 3-88, § 1; repealed and replaced by PL 12-82, § 3 (1311).

Commission Comment: PL 3-62, which took effect July 1, 1983, repealed PL 1-17 and redefined prohibited sexual acts with children to conform with federal regulations.

PL 3-88, which took effect December 23, 1983, amended the penalty for this offense by reducing the fine from \$10,000 to \$2,000. According to the title of the act, its objective was “so that a jury trial for sexual abusers of children [would] no longer [be] required under local law.”

For crimes concerning abuse or neglect of children, see 6 CMC § 5311 et seq.

See comment to 6 CMC § 1301 regarding PL 12-82.