TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE DIVISION 2 : CONTRABAND OFFENSES

§ 1468. Strangulation.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Strangle" means to impede the normal breathing or circulation of the blood of another person by applying pressure to the throat or the neck of the other person, or by blocking the nose or the mouth of the other person.

(2) "Household member" has the same definition as the term "household member" found in $6 \text{ CMC } \S 1461(a)(2)$.

(b) Any person who willfully and unlawfully strangles or attempts to strangle a household member is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than seven years.

(c) No injuries are required to prove attempted strangulation.

(d) The prosecution is not required to prove that the defendant intended to injure or kill the victim. The only intent required is the intent to strangle or attempt to strangle.

Source: <u>PL 20-28</u> § 2 (Dec. 11, 2017), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission changed single quotation marks to double quotation marks in (a)(1) and (a)(2) pursuant to 1 CMC \$ 3806(g).