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Plummer**

A BILL

To amend section 2907.07 of the Revised Code to 1
amend the penalties for the offense of 2
importuning. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 2907.07 of the Revised Code be 4
amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 2907.07. (A) No person shall solicit a person who is 6
less than thirteen years of age to engage in sexual activity 7
with the offender, whether or not the offender knows the age of 8
such person. 9

(B) (1) No person shall solicit another, not the spouse of 10
the offender, to engage in sexual conduct with the offender, 11
when the offender is eighteen years of age or older and four or 12
more years older than the other person, and the other person is 13
thirteen years of age or older but less than sixteen years of 14
age, whether or not the offender knows the age of the other 15
person. 16

(2) No person shall solicit another, not the spouse of the 17

offender, to engage in sexual conduct with the offender, when 18
the offender is eighteen years of age or older and four or more 19
years older than the other person, the other person is sixteen 20
or seventeen years of age and a victim of a violation of section 21
2905.32 of the Revised Code, and the offender knows or has 22
reckless disregard of the age of the other person. 23

(C) No person shall solicit another by means of a 24
telecommunications device, as defined in section 2913.01 of the 25
Revised Code, to engage in sexual activity with the offender 26
when the offender is eighteen years of age or older and either 27
of the following applies: 28

(1) The other person is less than thirteen years of age, 29
and the offender knows that the other person is less than 30
thirteen years of age or is reckless in that regard. 31

(2) The other person is a law enforcement officer posing 32
as a person who is less than thirteen years of age, and the 33
offender believes that the other person is less than thirteen 34
years of age or is reckless in that regard. 35

(D) No person shall solicit another by means of a 36
telecommunications device, as defined in section 2913.01 of the 37
Revised Code, to engage in sexual activity with the offender 38
when the offender is eighteen years of age or older and either 39
of the following applies: 40

(1) The other person is thirteen years of age or older but 41
less than sixteen years of age, the offender knows that the 42
other person is thirteen years of age or older but less than 43
sixteen years of age or is reckless in that regard, and the 44
offender is four or more years older than the other person. 45

(2) The other person is a law enforcement officer posing 46

as a person who is thirteen years of age or older but less than 47
sixteen years of age, the offender believes that the other 48
person is thirteen years of age or older but less than sixteen 49
years of age or is reckless in that regard, and the offender is 50
four or more years older than the age the law enforcement 51
officer assumes in posing as the person who is thirteen years of 52
age or older but less than sixteen years of age. 53

(E) Divisions (C) and (D) of this section apply to any 54
solicitation that is contained in a transmission via a 55
telecommunications device that either originates in this state 56
or is received in this state. 57

(F) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of 58
importuning. 59

(2) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this division, a A~~ 60
violation of division (A) or (C) of this section is a felony of 61
the third degree on a first offense, and, notwithstanding 62
division (C) of section 2929.13 of the Revised Code, there is a 63
presumption that a prison term shall be imposed as described in 64
division (D) of section 2929.13 of the Revised Code. If the 65
offender, in addition to soliciting the other person, arranged 66
to meet the other person for the purpose of engaging in sexual 67
activity, the court shall impose upon the offender as a 68
mandatory prison term one of the prison terms prescribed in 69
division (A) (3) (b) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a 70
felony of the third degree. If the offender previously has been 71
convicted of a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim 72
oriented offense, a violation of division (A) or (C) of this 73
section is a felony of the second degree, and the court shall 74
impose upon the offender as a mandatory prison term one of the 75
definite prison terms prescribed in division (A) (2) (b) of 76

section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a felony of the second 77
degree, except that if the violation is committed on or after 78
~~the effective date of this amendment~~ March 22, 2019, the court 79
shall impose as the minimum prison term for the offense a 80
mandatory prison term that is one of the minimum terms 81
prescribed in division (A)(2)(a) of that section for a felony of 82
the second degree. 83

(3) A violation of division (B) or (D) of this section is 84
a felony of the fifth degree on a first offense, and, 85
notwithstanding division (B) of section 2929.13 of the Revised 86
Code, there is a presumption that a prison term shall be imposed 87
as described in division (D) of section 2929.13 of the Revised 88
Code. If the offender is ten or more years older than the other 89
person, or if a law enforcement officer posed as a person under 90
thirteen years of age and the offender is ten or more years 91
older than the officer claimed to be, and if, in addition to 92
soliciting the other person, the offender arranged to meet the 93
other person for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity, the 94
court shall impose upon the offender as a mandatory prison term 95
one of the prison terms prescribed in section 2929.14 of the 96
Revised Code for a felony of the fifth degree. If the offender 97
previously has been convicted of a sexually oriented offense or 98
a child-victim oriented offense, a violation of division (B) or 99
(D) of this section is a felony of the fourth degree, and the 100
court shall impose upon the offender as a mandatory prison term 101
one of the prison terms prescribed in section 2929.14 of the 102
Revised Code for a felony of the fourth degree that is not less 103
than twelve months in duration. 104

Section 2. That existing section 2907.07 of the Revised 105
Code is hereby repealed. 106