HOUSE BILL 251

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY; MAKING EACH SEPARATE IMAGE OF A CHILD PROSECUTABLE AS AN INDIVIDUAL CRIMINAL OFFENSE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 30-6A-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984, Chapter 92, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"30-6A-3. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN.--

A. It is unlawful for a person to intentionally possess any obscene visual or print medium depicting any prohibited sexual act or simulation of such an act if that person knows or has reason to know that the obscene medium depicts any prohibited sexual act or simulation of such act and if that person knows or has reason to know that one or more of the participants in that act is a child under eighteen years of

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age. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a fourth degree felony.

- It is unlawful for a person to intentionally distribute any obscene visual or print medium depicting any prohibited sexual act or simulation of such an act if that person knows or has reason to know that the obscene medium depicts any prohibited sexual act or simulation of such act and if that person knows or has reason to know that one or more of the participants in that act is a child under eighteen years of age. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a third degree felony.
- C. It is unlawful for a person to intentionally cause or permit a child under eighteen years of age to engage in any prohibited sexual act or simulation of such an act if that person knows, has reason to know or intends that the act may be recorded in any obscene visual or print medium or performed publicly. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a third degree felony, unless the child is under the age of thirteen, in which event the person is guilty of a second degree felony. For the purposes of this subsection, each separate image recorded or each act performed publicly shall be prosecuted as an individual criminal offense.
- D. It is unlawful for a person to intentionally manufacture any obscene visual or print medium depicting any prohibited sexual act or simulation of such an act if one or

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more of the participants in that act is a child under eighteen years of age. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a second degree felony.

- It is unlawful for a person to intentionally manufacture any obscene visual or print medium depicting any prohibited sexual act or simulation of such an act if that person knows or has reason to know that the obscene medium depicts a prohibited sexual act or simulation of such an act and if that person knows or has reason to know that a real child under eighteen years of age, who is not a participant, is depicted as a participant in that act. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a fourth degree felony.
- It is unlawful for a person to intentionally F. distribute any obscene visual or print medium depicting any prohibited sexual act or simulation of such an act if that person knows or has reason to know that the obscene medium depicts a prohibited sexual act or simulation of such an act and if that person knows or has reason to know that a real child under eighteen years of age, who is not a participant, is depicted as a participant in that act. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a third degree felony.
- G. The penalties provided for in this section shall be in addition to those set out in Section 30-9-11 NMSA 1978.

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H. For the purposes of this section, the
possession, distribution or manufacture of each separate image
of a child under eighteen years of age engaged in any
prohibited sexual act or simulation of such act contained on or
depicted on any item of visual or print medium shall be
prosecuted as an individual criminal offense under the relevant
subsection of this section."

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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