

CHAPTER 90.

[S. F. No. 324.]

Penal Code,
amending Sec.
236.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX (236) OF THE PENAL CODE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, RELATING TO THE CARNAL KNOWLEDGE AND ABUSE OF CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That section two hundred and thirty-six (236) of the Penal Code of the state of Minnesota, relating to the carnal knowledge and abuse of children, be amended so as to read as follows:

Defining grades
of punishment
for carnal
knowledge of
children.

“Sec. 236. *Carnal Knowledge of Children.*—Whoever carnally knows and abuses any female child under the age of sixteen (16) years shall be punished as follows:

“*First*—If the female child is under the age of ten (10) years, the person perpetrating the act shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life.

“*Second*—If the female child is ten (10) years of age, and under the age of fourteen (14) years, the person perpetrating such act shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not less than seven (7) years nor more than thirty (30) years.

“*Third*—If the female child is fourteen (14) years of age and under sixteen (16) years of age, the person perpetrating such act shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not less than one (1) year nor more than seven (7) years (or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than three (3) months nor more than one (1) year).”

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage; *Provided*, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to offenses committed before this act takes effect, and as to all such offenses the law in force at the time they were committed shall continue and remain in full force the same as if this act had not been passed; *Provided further*, that nothing in this act shall be construed as repealing or in any manner affecting section five hundred and thirty (530) of the Penal Code of the state of Minnesota relating to the sentence of minor persons under the age of sixteen (16) years.

Approved April 20, 1891.