609.3775 CHILD TORTURE.

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Subdivision 1. **Definition.** As used in this section, "torture" means the intentional infliction of extreme mental anguish, or extreme psychological or physical abuse, when committed in an especially depraved manner.

- Subd. 2. **Crime.** A person who tortures a child is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 25 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$35,000, or both.
- Subd. 3. **Proof**; evidence. (a) Expert testimony as to the existence or extent of mental anguish or psychological abuse is not a requirement for a conviction under this section.
- (b) A child's special susceptibility to mental anguish or psychological abuse does not constitute an independent cause of the condition so that a defendant is exonerated from criminal liability.
 - (c) Proof that a victim suffered pain is not an element of a violation of this section.

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