chapter 117—transportation for illegal sexual activity and related crimes

§ 2421. transportation generally.

Whoever knowingly transports any individual in interstate or foreign commerce, or in any Territory or Possession of the United States, with intent that such individual engage in prostitution, or in any sexual activity for which any person can be charged with a criminal offense, or attempts to do so, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.


historical and revision notes

1948 act


section consolidates sections 397, 398, 401, and 404 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed.

section 397 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., containing a definition of the terms "interstate commerce" and "foreign commerce" was omitted as unnecessary in view of the definition of those terms in section 10 of this title.

section 401 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., prescribing venue was omitted as unnecessary in view of section 3237 of this title.

section 403 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., was omitted. no definition of "Territory" is necessary to the revised section as it is phrased. construction thereof of "person" is covered by section 1 of title 1, U.S.C., 1940 ed., general provisions, as amended. last paragraph of said section relating to construction of this chapter was omitted as surplusage.

words "possession of the United States" were inserted in three places in view of mission of said section 403 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., and, reference in that section to the Canal Zone is covered by those words. this chapter applies to the Territory of Hawaii. (see sun chong lee v. united states, C.C.A. Hawaii, 1942, 125 F. 2d 95.)

section 404 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., containing the short title was omitted as not appropriate in a revision. reference to persons causing, procuring, aiding or assisting was deleted as unnecessary because such persons are made principals by section 2 of this title.

words "and upon conviction thereof" were also deleted as surplusage since punishment cannot be imposed until a conviction is secured.

words "deemed guilty of a felony" were deleted as unnecessary in view of the definition of a felony in section 1 of this title. (see reviser's note under section 550 of this title.)

minor changes were also made in translations and phraseology.

1949 act

this section [section 47] corrects a typographical error in section 2421 of title 18, U.S.C.

amendments

1998—Pub. L. 105–314 inserted "or attempts to do so," before "shall be fined" and substituted "10 years" for "five years".

1986—Pub. L. 99–628 substituted "TRANSPORTATION FOR ILLEGAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY AND RELATED CRIMES" for "WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC" as chapter heading and substituted "and enticement" for "or enticement of female" in item 2422.


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2422. coercion and enticement.

(a) Whoever knowingly persuades, induces, entices, or coerces any individual to travel in interstate or foreign commerce, or in any Territory or Possession of the United States, to engage in prostitution, or in any sexual activity for which any person can be charged with a criminal offense, or attempts to do so, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

(b) Whoever, using the mail or any facility or means of interstate or foreign commerce, or within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States knowingly persuades, induces, entices, or coerces any individual who has not attained the age of 18 years, to engage in prostitution or any sexual activity for which any person can be charged with a criminal offense, or attempts to do so, shall be fined