

REFERENCE TITLE: human smuggling; electronic applications

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## **SB 1608**

Introduced by  
Senators Wadsack: Kerr

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-2319, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SMUGGLING.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 13-2319, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 13-2319. Smuggling; using electronic device to smuggle;  
5 classification; definitions

6 A. It is unlawful for a person to intentionally engage in the  
7 smuggling of human beings for profit or commercial purpose.

8 B. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY USE A  
9 TELEPHONE OR COMPUTER APPLICATION OR PROGRAM THAT ASSISTS IN THE SMUGGLING  
10 OF HUMAN BEINGS.

11 ~~B. C. A violation of this section is a class 4- 2 felony.~~

12 ~~C. Notwithstanding subsection B of this section, a violation of~~  
13 ~~this section:~~

14 ~~1. Is a class 2 felony if the human being who is smuggled is under~~  
15 ~~eighteen years of age and is not accompanied by a family member over~~  
16 ~~eighteen years of age or the offense involved the use of a deadly weapon~~  
17 ~~or dangerous instrument.~~

18 ~~2. Is a class 3 felony if the offense involves the use or~~  
19 ~~threatened use of deadly physical force and the person is not eligible for~~  
20 ~~suspension of sentence, probation, pardon or release from confinement on~~  
21 ~~any other basis except pursuant to section 31-233, subsection A or B until~~  
22 ~~the sentence imposed by the court is served, the person is eligible for~~  
23 ~~release pursuant to section 41-1604.07 or the sentence is commuted.~~

24 D. Chapter 10 of this title does not apply to a violation of  
25 ~~subsection C, paragraph 1 of~~ this section.

26 E. Notwithstanding any other law, in the enforcement of this  
27 section a peace officer may lawfully stop any person who is operating a  
28 motor vehicle if the officer has reasonable suspicion to believe the  
29 person is in violation of any civil traffic law.

30 F. For the purposes of this section:

31 ~~1. "Family member" means the person's parent, grandparent, sibling~~  
32 ~~or any other person who is related to the person by consanguinity or~~  
33 ~~affinity to the second degree.~~

34 ~~2.~~ 1. "Procurement of transportation" means any participation in  
35 or facilitation of transportation and includes:

36 (a) Providing services that facilitate transportation including  
37 travel arrangement services or money transmission services.

38 (b) Providing property that facilitates transportation, including a  
39 weapon, a vehicle or other means of transportation or false  
40 identification, or selling, leasing, renting or otherwise making available  
41 a drop house as defined in section 13-2322.

1           ~~3.~~ 2. "Smuggling of human beings" means the transportation,  
2 procurement of transportation or use of property or real property by a  
3 person or an entity that knows or has reason to know that the person or  
4 persons transported or to be transported are not United States citizens,  
5 permanent resident aliens or persons otherwise lawfully in this state or  
6 have attempted to enter, entered or remained in the United States in  
7 violation of law.