

STATE	STATUTE	LANGUAGE	AS OF	F/M	Max Penalty
Alabama (AL)	1975 & 13A-6-220 and 221	<i>Bestiality:</i> any touching or fondling, directly or through clothing, of the sex organs or anus of an animal, or any transfer or transmission of semen on any part of the animal for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification of the person. Also: engage in, submit to, cause/aid/abet another to engage; permit on a premises under that person's control; organize/promote/conduct/advertise/observe/further an act involving sexual conduct or contact with an animal for commercial or recreational purposes.	2014	M-class A	1Y / \$6,000
Alaska (AK)	A.S. 11.61.140	<i>Animal Cruelty:</i> (1) sexual conduct, including photos & films, between person and animal, for the purpose of sexual gratification. (2) aid, induce, cause, encourage or permit another person to engage in sexual conduct with an animal	2010	M-class A	1Y Max; non-ownership 10Y
Arizona (AZ)	A.R.S. § 13-1411	<i>Bestiality:</i> sexual contact, including oral or intercourse, or causing another to engage in conduct	2006	F-class 6 or class 3	Cl 6: 1Y / \$15,000; Cl 3: 3.5Y / \$150,000 if minor vic <15
Arkansas (AR)	A.R.S. § 5-14-122	<i>Bestiality:</i> performs or submits to any act between person and animal involving the mouth, anus, penis, or vagina for sexual gratification (bestiality)	2005	M-class A	1Y / \$2,500
California (CA)	C.P.C. § 286.5	<i>Crime against nature:</i> sexual assault of animal for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification	2007		
Colorado (CO)	CRS 18-9-201-202	<i>Animal cruelty:</i> direct physical contact between the mouth, anus, or genitals of a person and an animal	2007	M-class 6	18M / \$1,000 (subsequent offenses =F)
Connecticut (CT)	53A § 952.53a-73a	<i>Animal cruelty; sexual assault:</i> sexual contact with an animal or dead body		M-class A; F class D if I minor <16	1Y / \$2,000 (M-A)

*Bestiality*: (1) Sexual contact, penetration, or intercourse with the genitalia of an animal (2) intentionally causes another to engage in such act for sexual gratification // Ch. 16, §1602. Definitions [regarding massage parlors]. (4) 'Bestiality' shall mean sexual activity, actual or simulated, between a human being and an animal. AND (18) 'Sexually oriented material' shall mean any book, article, magazine, publication, or written matter of any kind, drawing, etching, painting, photograph, motion picture film, or sound recording, which depicts sexual activity, actual or simulated, involving human beings or human beings and animals; or which exhibits uncovered human genitals or pubic region in a lewd or lascivious manner or which exhibits human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely covered.

Delaware (DE) 11 Del. C § 777; See also: Chap. 16. § 1602

2010 F-class D 8Y

District of Columbia (DC) D.C. Code Ann. § 22-3101-3103

*Sexual bestiality*: promotion of actual or simulated sexual performance, including still or moving images or the use of artificial organs or instruments, involving a person under the age of 18

1940 F 10Y first offense; 20Y 2d offense

*Bestiality, animal cruelty:* (1)conduct means: direct or indirect touching, fondling, or transmission of semen by person on sex organs or anus of animal, for the purpose of sexual gratification or arousal (2) contact means:penetration or any contact, however slight, between mouth, anus, or sex organs of person and animal // 10/6/15 Miami-Dade County to add m/d ordinance to Ch. 5 § 4 on of filming, observing, or participating in bestiality; knowingly cause, aid, abet another to engage another in bestiality; knowingly permit same to be conducted on premises under his/her control; knowingly organize, promote, conduct, advertise, aid, or observe - whether for \$ or not; or photograph or film for purpose of sexual gratification.

Florida (FL)	F.S.A. 828.126		2011	F	5Y
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*Bestiality:* performance of or submission to any act with an animal involve the sex organs of one and the mouth, anus, penis, or vagina of the other

Georgia (GA)	Ga. Code Ann. §16-6-6		1968	F	5Y
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Hawaii (HI)	NO STATE LAW				
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Infamous crime against nature: penetration, however slight, between a penis and the anus, vagina, or mouth of an animal. See comments.

Idaho (ID)	I.D. § 18-6605 and 6606		1952	F	5Y min.
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*Bestiality:* sexual contact by penetration .... Or genital contact ... between person and animal [invertebrate, dead or alive]

Iowa (IA)	IA ST § 717C.1 (Title XVI)		2011	Agg M	2Y / \$5,000
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Illinois (IL)	720 I.L.C.S. 5/12-35	<i>Sexual conduct with an animal</i> : knowingly engage ... or cause another to engage in ... or permit on their premises ... or promote / for recreational or commercial purposes / sexual conduct or contact with an animal	2002	F-class 4; class 3 if in presence of minor	3Y / 25,000
Indiana (IN)	I.C. 35-46-3-14	<i>Bestiality</i> : performs an act or penetration involving sex organ, mouth, or anus of a person and an animal	2007	F-class D	3Y
Kansas (KS)	K.S.A. 21-5504 (a)(2) and (b)(3)	<i>Criminal sodomy</i> : (a)(2) sodomy * between a person and an animal; <i>Aggravated criminal sodomy</i> : (b)(2) causing a child under 14 years of age to engage in sodomy with any person or an animal; or(3) sodomy with a victim who does not consent to the sodomy or causing a victim, without the victim's consent, to engage in sodomy with any person or an animal under any of the following circumstances: coercion, impaired or unable to give consent * K.S.A. 21-3501(2) defines sodomy as oral or anal copulation or sexual intercourse between a person and an animal	2012	(a)(2) => M class B; (a)(4) => F person level III; (b)(3) => F person level I	6M / \$1,000 for m/d; 3Y for F person levels I or III
Kentucky (KY)	NO STATE LAW				
Louisiana (LA)	LSA-R.S. 14:89.1 (A)(2)(b)(i)	<i>Aggravated crime against nature</i> : is unnatural carnal copulation by a human being with an animal; emission is not necessary.		F	5Y / \$2,000
Maine (ME)	17 M.S.R.A. § 1031	<i>Bestiality</i> : intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly commits bestiality - meaning engages in sex for the purposes of gratification [including "fondling"], coerces another, or in the presence of a minor, videotapes, or kills/abuses for sexual gratification.	2001	M-class D	1Y / \$2,000; stat of lim 6Y; escalation for subsequent offenses
Maryland (MD)	MD Code, Article Criminal Law § 3-322;	<i>Unnatural or perverted sexual practice</i> : contact between person's mouth or sexual organ and the mouth or sexual organ of an animal		M	10Y / \$1,000

*Abominable and detestable crime against nature* : [sodomy],  
either with mankind or with a beast

Massachusetts (MA) M.G.L.A. 272 § 34

2007

F

20Y

*Abominable and detestable crime against nature*: any sexual  
connection between person and animal (See comments)

Michigan (MI)

M.C.L.A. 750.158

1970

F

15Y

MILITARY

NO MARTIAL LAW

*Carnal knowledge* : [intercourse] with a dead body or an animal  
or bird. See comments.

Minnesota (MN)

M.S.A. § 609-294

M

1Y / \$3,000

*Unnatural intercourse:* the detestable and abominable crime against nature committed with mankind or beast. (See comments)

Mississippi (MS) Miss. Code Ann. §97-29-59 2013 F 10Y / SOR

*Bestiality:* sexual conduct or sexually explicit conduct with an animal

Missouri (MO) V.A.M.S. 566-111 2017 M-class A; F class D for subsequent acts 4Y / \$5,000 if felony

Montana (MT) MCA 45-8-218; 45-2-101 (21) *Deviate sexual conduct:* engages in or causes another to engage in any form of sexual intercourse with an animal 2005 F 10Y / \$50,000

*Indecency with an animal:* subjects an animal to sexual penetration, however slight, including oral, anal, and genital intrusion. Emission not required.

Nebraska (NE or NB) Neb. Rev. St. § 28-1010; § M-class III 3M / \$500

		<i>Sexual performance</i> : Promotion of minor engaging in, simulating, assisting others, or as the subject of bestiality. (See comments)			
Nevada (NV)	PARTIAL LAW * NRS 200.720			2009	
New Hampshire (NH)	NO LAW * HB 1547			2016	
		<i>Use in a sexual manner</i> : S2296 amends existing statute (2015): initiate, use (including sodomize), cause, or procure the use of any animal or creature in any kind of sexual manner. Includes sodomizing, penetration by penis or foreign object, or . genital to genital contact			Fourth degree, escalates to third degree if animal dies or is injured, offender is a juvenile or has prior animal cruelty conviction 30D community service served with SPCA or other animal shelter; if 4th degree: 18M / \$15,000
New Jersey (NJ)	R.S. 4:22-17 (3)c.(4)			2015	
New Mexico (NM)	NO LAW * Taos ordinance			2016	
New York (NY)	NY Penal Law § 130.20	<i>Sexual misconduct</i> : sexual conduct with an animal or a dead body			M-class A 1Y

		<i>Crime against nature:</i> with mankind or beast; penetration required; penetration by force or lack of consent is not required. (see Comments)			
North Carolina (NC)	N.C.G.S.A. § 14-177		1994	F-class I	5M
North Dakota (ND)	N.D.C.C. § 12.1-20-12				
Ohio (OH)	NO LAW * SB 195	<i>Sexual conduct:</i> any act between a person and an animal that involves contact of genitalia of one to the other; possession, sale, or purchase of an animal for sexual purposes; or aiding sexual conduct with an animal by another.	Introduced 201	M-2d degree; escalation for subsequent offenses	Impoundment and sale of animal
Oklahoma (OK)	21 OS § 886-887	<i>Crime against nature:</i> any penetration, however slight, is sufficient to complete a CAN	1988	F	10Y
Oregon (OR)	O.R.S. § 167.310 & 333	<i>Sexual assault of animal (except commercial livestock):</i> conduct meaning touch or contact the mouth, anus, or sex organs of a live or dead animal; causes an object or another person to do the same, for the purpose of sexual gratification [Eff 1/1/16:] Encourage sexual assault of animal by possession or creation of animal pornography;	2016	M-class A	May order 15Y non-possession of same genus animal
Pennsylvania (PA)	18 Pa.C.S. § 3101 and 3129	<i>Deviate sexual intercourse with an animal:</i> any sexual intercourse with animal. Emission is not required. (see comments)	1999	M-2d degree	2Y
Puerto Rico (PR)	33 L.P.R.A. § 4773	<i>Bestiality:</i> perform, incite, coerce, or assist another person to perform any type of sexual penetration with an animal	2013	F-fourth degree	10Yrs and Fine



Rhode Island (RI)	RI Gen. L § 11-10 -1	<i>Abominable and detestable crime against nature:</i> with any beast	2010	F	20Y
South Carolina (SC)	SC § 16-15-120	<i>Buggery:</i> [not defined, but generally taken to mean anal sex]			5Y / \$500
South Dakota (SD)	SDCL § 22-22-42 & 43	<i>Bestiality:</i> any act involving direct physical contact between human and animal genitalia or anus for the purpose of that person's sexual gratification. Does not require penetration. Also prohibited to engage in, coerce another to engage in, sexual acts with an animal; use any part of the person's body or an object to sexually stimulate an animal; kill or physically abuse an animal	2005	F-class 6; class 5 if subsequent conviction (see comments)	2Y / \$4,000
Tennessee (TN)	T.C.A. § 39-14-214 (a)(1)	Sexual activity with an animal: physical sexual contact between person and animal. Also prohibited: engage in, cause/aid/abet another to engage in, permit on premises under the person's charge or control; photograph/film/record (sell or distribute same), for purposes of sexual gratification, a person engaging in sexual acts with an animal	2007	F-class E	6Y / \$3,000
Texas (TX)	NO LAW				
Utah (UT)	U.C.A. 1953 § 76-9-301.8	<i>Bestiality:</i> physical genital/anal/oral sexual contact, or contact with an object, with any live nonhuman vertebrate, including fowl, with the intent of sexual gratification of the actor	1999	M-class B	6M / \$1,000
Vermont (VT)	NO LAW				
Virgin Islands of the U.S. (VI)	14 V.I. CODE ANN. § 2062	<i>Bestiality:</i> carnal copulation with an animal	2013	F	5Y

Virginia (VA)	Va. Code Ann. § 18.2-361 and 18.2-374.1(A) - defines pornography to include sexually explicit bestiality	Crime against nature: carnal knowledge of any animal (See comments)	2006	F-class 6	
Washington (WA)	RCW 16.52.205(2) RCW 7.48A.010 (2) (b) (I) and (ii)	Animal cruelty: Any sexual contact, however slight, between a person and an animal, whether direct or through clothing, including transfer or transmission of semen by the person on the animal. Also cause/aid/abet another; permit to conduct on premises under that person's control; engage in/organize/promote/conduct/advertise/aid/abet/observe/further for commercial or recreational purpose; photographs/films for the purpose of sexual gratification, a person engaged in sexual contact with an animal. Also: obscene or lewd matter which explicitly depicts real or simulated sex acts with an animal.	2006	F-class C	1Y / \$5,000
West Virginia (WV)	NO LAW				
Wisconsin (WI)	W.S.A. 944.17	Sexual gratification: commits an act involving the person's sex organ/mouth/anus and the sex organ/mouth/anus of an animal, in a place or in a manner such that the person knows the conduct is observable	1995	M-class A	9M / \$10,000
Wyoming (WY)	NO LAW				

COMMENTS

Law only applies to minors <18; adult prohibition was unintentionally deleted with repeal of sodomy laws.

Crime against nature relates primarily to anal sex between humans; "infamous" crime against nature relates to rape, sexual acts with minors, sex for commercial purposes, and bestiality. See: <http://www.glapn.org/sodomylaws/sensibilities/idaho.htm>

Kansas uses a complicated grid system for sentencing felonies. See: <http://sentencing.ks.gov/docs/default-source/2015-Forms/2015-nondrug-offenses.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

See also: §3-602 sexual abuse of a child includes unnatural or perverted sexual practices (with an animal) and results in 25Y max.

MA uses the common law definition of sodomy (anal penetration) to define crime against nature. See also: Sec. 16 lewd/lascivious. Sec. 18 Fornication. Sec. 28 Dissemination of porn to minor. Sec. 35 Commission of unnatural/lascivious act w/another person. Sec. 105 Filming naked people.

Abominable/detestable crime against nature includes both sodomy (anal sex between people) and bestiality. Bestiality includes a broader range of conduct than common-law sodomy, including any sexual connection between a human being and an animal. Conviction under 158 requires Sex Offender Registry

Sodomy, punishable by court martial, included unnatural carnal copulation with an animal. Entire law repealed 2012.

Carnal knowledge derives from Biblical usage and originally meant sexual intercourse. In common law, CN typically means sodomy or "deviant" sexual acts including bestiality. MN courts have used CN for a variety of sexual acts including bestiality, and forceable rape or nonsensual sex between humans.

Unnatural intercourse is based on the common law definition of sodomy (anal penetration). Penetration no longer required (1942) but oral sex is prohibited (1955). See: <http://www.glapn.org/sodomylaws/sensibilities/mississippi.htm>

Beginning 1/1/17 - 566.200 (14) [as of 2015]  
"Sexual conduct" means sexual acts including animals 573.010.(21)(b) As used in this chapter, "sexually explicit conduct", actual or simulated, includes bestiality. // Prior to 1/1/17 MO law is unclear as to what constitutes bestiality, but it's likely prosecuted as a "deviate sexual act" as defined in 566.010.

Nebraska makes no distinction between a human or animal victim in its definition of sexual penetration in §28-318(6) by using the term "victim". See 28-1019 re sentencing: animal to be seized; court "may" order non-contact with animals for up to 5Y



While bestiality by adults is not expressly illegal, promoting the performance or simulation of it by minors is. NRS 200.720 Promotion of sexual performance by minor unlawful. 200.700 defines performance as play, film, photo, computer-generated image, electronic representation, dance, or other visual presentation. Sexual conduct includes bestiality.

HB 1547 is before the 2016 legislature.

Juvenile offenders are required to receive mental health counseling; there is no similar provision for adult offenders.

The Town and County of Taos has an ordinance prohibiting sexual contact with any animal.

There are no NC appellate cases on sexual acts with animals, but based on "human" case law, CAN means human to human penetration per anus or mouth, or penetration of genitalia by an object.

Legislation under consideration 2015.

Note that the exemption for livestock has very specific language re timing, action, intent, etc.

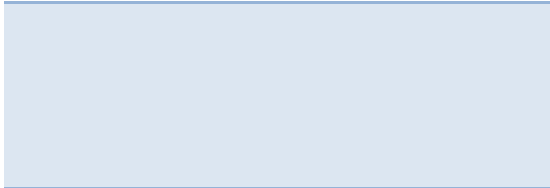
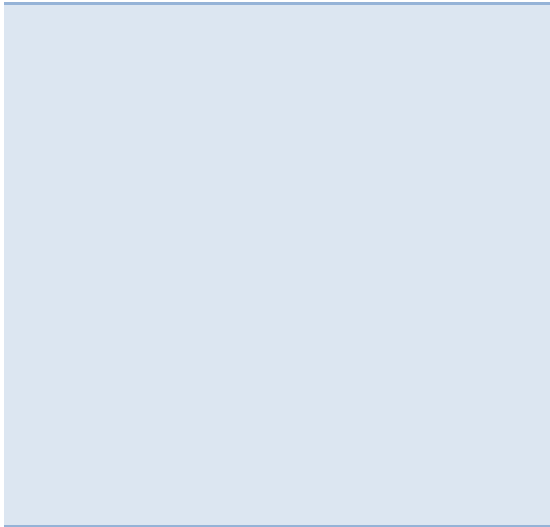
Deviate sexual intercourse refers to anal sex between humans or penetration of human sex organ with an object but "any" sexual intercourse with an animal is prohibited. See also: § 23-5329: Child custody determination takes into account conviction under § 3129.

SOR not required.

Escalation occurs upon subsequent conviction for bestiality or for conviction of incest; sexual abuse or exploitation of a minor <16; possession/production/distribution of child porn; and other sexual assault crimes.

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Per §18.2-63 Carnal knowledge includes all sexual acts from actual intercourse to acts of oral sex.



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ID-Idaho

Title 18, Ch. 83 - SOR required for

18-909 (assault on another w/intent to commit ... ICAN)

18-911 (battery w/intent to commit ... ICAN)

18-4502 (1st degree kidnap for purpose of ICAN)

18-1509A (enticing child over Internet)

18-4116 (indecent exposure  
voyeurism)

18-6605 (CAN)

8-6608 (forceable penetration w/object)

18-6606 - Crime Against Nature - any sexual penetration  
however slight

1864-sodomy criminalized

1887-penetration required

1916 - including fellatio

1919 - sterilization proposed, but vetoed, then passed in

1925, repealed in 1972 that included "bestial and  
perverted sexual habits"

1952 - infamous ICAN included children (\*)

MISSISSIPPI  
MS

97-29-59

Unnatural Intercourse

MS

1802 - common law crime made sodomy a capital offense

1839 - penalty changed to max 10Y

1937 - cunnilingus didn't count as sodomy; penetration  
required

1942 - title changed from CAN to Unnatural Intercourse;  
penetration not required

1955 - fellatio counted as unnatural and a felony

1958 - attempt to contempt sodomy counted

1987 - Sex Offender Registry established; sodomizers count

infamous crime against nature, as it has been defined in Idaho, does not include any references to violence, weapons, injury, or harm. Rather, the statute merely describes an act that has been considered harmful to society generally, based on moral and religious grounds.<sup>73</sup>

In 1995, deciding *State v. Holden*,<sup>84</sup> the Idaho Court of Appeals ... the court said that the "crime against nature" law was valid regarding "forced sexual activity, sexual acts with minors, nonprivate or commercial conduct, [and] bestiality."<sup>87</sup>