

CRIMINAL CODE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

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Crimes against public order and morality.

Article 258. Hooliganism.

1. Hooliganism is brutal violation of public order which is manifested in express disrespect and accompanied with violence in relation to citizens or a threat to use it, as well as, destruction or damage of somebody's property, is punished with correctional labor for the term of up to 6 months, or with arrest for the term of 1-3 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 2 years.
2. Brutal breach of public order combined with exceptional cynicism, is punished with correctional labor for up to 1 year or imprisonment for up to 3 years
3. The action envisaged in part 1 or 2 of this Article, committed:
 - 1) by a group of persons or organized group;
 - 2) by offering resistance to a representative of authorities, or a person carrying out a duty of public order protection or a person preventing breach of public order,
 - 3) By a person who has previously committed hooliganism.
 - 4) Combined with medium gravity damage to the health of the person, is punished with correctional labor for 1-2 years, or imprisonment for up to 5 years
4. The act envisaged in parts 1, 2 or 3 of this Article, committed with a weapon or another item used as a weapon, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 4 to 7 years.

Article 259. Making a false statement about terrorism.

Making an obviously false statement about a prepared act of terrorism, is punished a fine in the amount of 200 to 400 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for up to 1-2 years, or with arrest for the term of 1-3 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 3 years.

Article 260. Vandalism.

Profanation of buildings and other facilities with indecent inscriptions or images, damaging property in public transport or other public place, in the absence of grave crime elements,

Is punished with a fine in the amount of 50 to 100 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for 6 months to 1 year, or arrest for up to 2 months.

Article 261. Involvement into prostitution.

1. Involvement into prostitution, by violence or use of violence, abuse of dependent position, by threat to destroy, steal or damage property, or dissemination of defamatory information about a person or close relatives, or by deception, is punished with a fine in the amount of 200 to 400 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for the term of up to 1 year, or with arrest for the term of 1-3 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 2 years.
2. The same actions committed
 - 1) With respect to a minor,
 - 2) by an organized group, are punished with a fine in the amount of 300 to 500 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for the term of up to 2 years, or with imprisonment for the term of 3 to 6 years.

Article 262. Maintaining dens of prostitution or pimping.

Maintaining dens of prostitution or pimping, is punished with a fine in the amount of 300 to 500 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for the term of up to 1 year, or with arrest for the term of 1-3 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 5 years.

Article 263. *Illegal dissemination of pornographic materials or items.*

1. Illegal manufacture, sale as well as, dissemination of pornographic materials or items, as well as, printed publications, films and videos, images or other pornographic objects, and advertising, is punished with a fine in the amount of 200 to 400 minimal salaries, or with arrest for the term of up to 2 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 2 years.
2. Forcing minors to get involved in creation of software, video or film materials, pictures or other items of pornographic nature, as well as presenting children's pornography through computer network, is punished with a fine in the amount of 400 to 800 minimal salaries, or with arrest for the term of up to 3 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 3 years.
3. The same act committed by an organized group, is punished with imprisonment for 2-4 years.

Article 264. *Destruction or damage of monuments of history and culture.*

1. Destruction or damage of state protected monuments of history, culture, as well as, destruction or damage of documents or items possessing particular cultural or historical value, is punished with a fine in the amount of 200 to 400 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for the term of up to 1 year, or with arrest for the term of up to 2 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 2 years.
2. The same actions committed against facilities or monuments of particular value, are punished with a fine in the amount of 300 to 500 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for the term of up to 2 years, or with arrest for the term of 1-3 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 5 years.
3. The acts mentioned in part 1 of this Article committed negligently and caused particularly large damage, are punished with a fine in the amount of 100 to 200 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for the term of up to 6 months, or with arrest for the term of up to 2 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 1 year.
4. The acts mentioned in part 3 of this Article committed to facilities or monuments of particular value and caused particularly large damage, are punished with a fine in the amount of 200 to 400 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for the term of up to 1 year, or with arrest for the term of up to 2 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 2 years.

Article 265. *Outrageous treatment of dead bodies or burial places.*

1. Outrageous treatment of a dead body or a burial place, destruction, damage or desecration of cemetery facilities or items, or places allocated for memorial ceremonies, is punished with a fine in the amount of 300 to 500 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for up to 1 year, or with arrest for the term up to 2 months.
2. The same actions which were committed:
 - 1) by a group with prior agreement, or by organized group;
 - 2) by motives of national, racial or religious hatred;
 - 3) by stealing items in or on graves, are punished with correctional labor for the term of up to 2 years, or with arrest for the term of 1-3 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 3 years.

Crimes against the health of the population.

Article 266. *Illegal turnover of narcotic drugs or psychotropic materials with the purpose of sale.*

1. Illegal manufacture, processing, procurement, keeping, trafficking or supplying of narcotic drugs or psychotropic materials with the purpose of sale, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 3 to 7 years.
2. The same action committed:
 - 1) by a group of persons;
 - 2) in large amount;
 - 3) at the place of imprisonment or arrest;
 - 4) in disciplinary/educational institution, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 5 to 10 years with property confiscation

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3. Actions envisaged in parts 1 or 2 of this Article, if they were committed:

1) by an organized group;

2) in particularly large amount, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 7 to 15 years with or without property confiscation.

4. The large and particularly large amounts of narcotic drugs or psychotropic materials are established by the competent state governance body of the RA.

5. Illegal turnover of narcotic drugs or psychotropic materials in small amounts does not entail criminal responsibility.

6. A person voluntarily submitting narcotic drugs or psychotropic materials will be relieved of criminal responsibility for illegal manufacture, processing, procurement, keeping, trafficking or supplying of narcotic drugs or psychotropic materials.

Article 267. Breach of regulations for manufacture, procurement, keeping, accounting, dispensing, transportation or supply of narcotic drugs or psychotropic materials

1. Breach of regulations for manufacture, procurement, keeping, accounting, dispensing, transportation or supply of narcotic drugs or psychotropic materials by the person who is in charge of their observance, if it resulted in theft or illegal turnover of aforementioned materials, is punished with a fine in the amount of 200 to 500 minimal salaries, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 3 years, with deprivation of the right to hold certain posts or practice certain activities for up to 3 years.

2. The action envisaged in the first part of this article, if it was committed in large amounts, is punished with a fine in the amount of 500 to 800 minimal salaries, or with imprisonment for the term of 2 to 4 years, with deprivation of the right to hold certain posts or practice certain activities for up to 3 years.

3. The action envisaged in the first part of this article, if it was committed in particularly large amounts, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 3 to 5 years, with deprivation of the right to hold certain posts or practice certain activities for up to 3 years.

Article 268. Illegal turnover of narcotic drugs or psychotropic materials without the purpose of sale.

1. Illegal manufacture, processing, procurement, keeping, delivery or supply of narcotic drugs or psychotropic materials without the purpose of sale, is punished with arrest for the term of up to 2 months or with imprisonment for the term of up to 1 year.

2. The same action committed in large amount:

Is punished with imprisonment for the term of up to 3 years.

3. The same action committed in particularly large amount:

Is punished with imprisonment for the term of 2 to 6 years.

Article 269. Theft or extortion of narcotic drugs or psychotropic materials.

1. Theft or extortion of narcotic drugs or psychotropic materials, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 3 to 7 years.

2. The same action committed:

1) by a group of persons with prior agreement;

2) by abuse of official position;

3) with violence not dangerous for life or health, or with threat of such violence,

4) in large amount, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 6 to 10 years with or without property confiscation.

3. The action envisaged in part 1 or 2 of this Article which was committed:

1) by an organized group:

1) by an organized group;

2) in particularly large amount;

3) with violence dangerous for life or health, or with threat of such violence, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 8 to 15 years with or without property confiscation.

Article 270. Illegal transfer of narcotic drugs or psychotropic materials or forgery of recipes or other documents which entitle their receipt.

Illegal transfer of narcotic drugs or psychotropic materials or forgery of recipes or other documents which entitle their receipt, is punished with imprisonment for the term of up to 2 years, with or without deprivation of the right to hold certain posts or practice certain activities for up to 3 years.

Article 271. Use of narcotic drugs.

1. Use of narcotic drugs without medical permission, is punished with a fine in the amount of up to 200 minimal salaries, or with arrest for the term of up to 2 months.

2. The person who surrenders drugs is exempted from criminal liability.

Article 272. Abetting or involving into use of narcotic or psychotropic drugs.

1. Abetting or involving into use of narcotic or psychotropic drugs, is punished with correctional labor for the term of up to 2 years, or with arrest for the term of up to 3 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 3 years.

2. Abetting or involving into the use of narcotic or psychotropic drugs, committed:

1) in relation to a minor;

2) in relation to two or more persons;

3) by deception;

4) with violence or with a threat to commit violence, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 3 to 8 years.

3. The same action, if this negligently caused the death of the aggrieved or caused grave damage to his health, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 6 to 12 years.

Article 273. Illegal cultivation or raising of herbs prohibited for processing, containing narcotic, psychotropic or toxic substances.

1. Cultivation or raising of herbs prohibited for processing containing narcotic, psychotropic or toxic substances, done in large amount, is punished with a fine in the amount of 300 to 500 minimal salaries, or with arrest for the term of 1-3 months, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 2 years.

2. The same action committed:

1) by several persons with prior agreement;

2) by an organized group;

3) in particularly large amount, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 3 to 8 years.

Article 274. Organization and maintaining of dens for the use of narcotic or psychotropic drugs.

1. Organization and maintaining of dens for the use of narcotic or psychotropic drugs, is punished with imprisonment for the term of up to 4 years.

2. The same action committed:

1) by an organized group;

1) by an organized group,

2) by abuse of official position,

3) in disciplinary/education institutions, is punished with imprisonment for the term of 3 to 7 years.

Article 275. *Illegal turnover of strong or toxic substances for the purpose of sale.*

1. Illegal manufacture, processing, procurement, keeping, trafficking, supply of strong substances which are not considered to be narcotic or psychotropic drugs, for the purpose of illegal sale, is punished with imprisonment for the term of up to 3 years.

2. The same action committed:

1) by a group of persons with prior agreement,

2) in large amount, is punished imprisonment for the term of 2 to 5 years.

3. The action envisaged in part 1 or 2 of this Article which was committed:

1) by an organized group,

2) in particularly large amount;
is punished with imprisonment for the term of 4 to 8 years.

4. A person voluntarily submitting strong or toxic substances will be relieved of criminal responsibility for illegal manufacture, processing, procurement, keeping, trafficking, supplying or selling of strong or toxic substances.

Article 276. *Breach of rules for manufacture, procurement, keeping, accounting, transfer, transportation or supply of strong or toxic materials.*

Breach of rules for manufacture, procurement, keeping, accounting, transfer, transportation or supply of strong or toxic materials, if this caused theft or other significant damage, is punished with a fine in the amount of up to 300 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for up to 2 years, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 2 years, with deprivation of the right to hold certain posts or practice certain activities for 3 years.

Article 277. *Breach of sanitation and epidemic regulations.*

1. Breach of sanitation and epidemic regulations which negligently caused mass diseases or poisoning of humans, is punished with a fine in the amount of up to 200 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for up to 2 years, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 3 years, or with deprivation of the right to hold certain posts or practice certain activities for up to 3 years.

2. The same action which negligently caused heavy damage to health or human death, is punished with imprisonment for the term of up to 5 years

Article 278. *Concealing information about circumstances dangerous for human life or health.*

1. Concealing or distortion of facts, phenomena or events dangerous for human life or health, or the environment, committed by a person in charge of providing such information to the population, is punished with a fine in the amount of 200 to 400 minimal salaries, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 2 years, or with or without deprivation of the right to hold certain posts or practice certain activities for 3 years.

2. The same action which:

1) was committed by abuse of official position;

2) caused damage to human health or death, by negligence, is punished with a fine in the amount of up to 300-500 minimal salaries, or with imprisonment for the term of 2-6 years, or with or without deprivation of the right to hold certain posts or practice certain activities for 3 years.

Article 279. *Manufacture or sale of goods, or performing work, or providing services which do not meet safety requirements.*

1. Manufacture or sale of goods which do not meet safety requirements for the consumers' life or health, or illegal issuance or use of certificates of compliance with safety requirements for these goods, works or services, if this action negligently damaged human health, is punished with a fine in the amount of 200 to 400 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for the term of up to 1 year, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 2 years or with or without deprivation of the right to hold certain posts or practice certain activities for 3 years.

2. The same action if this:

1) was committed in relation to goods, works or services intended for children;

2) negligently damaged the health of two or more persons,

3) negligently caused human death, is punished with a fine in the amount of 300 to 500 minimal salaries, or correctional labor for the term of up to 2 year, or with imprisonment for the term of up to 5 years or with or without deprivation of the right to hold certain posts or practice certain activities for 3 years.

3. Actions envisaged in parts 1 or 2 of this Article, which negligently caused the death of two or more persons, are punished with imprisonment for the term of 4 to 10 years, with or without deprivation of the right to hold certain posts or practice certain activities for 3 years.

Article 280. Illegal private medical or pharmaceutical practice, manufacture or sale of false drugs.

1. Private medical or pharmaceutical practice without permit (license), if this negligently caused damage to human health, is punished with a fine in the amount of 300 minimal salaries or correctional labor for up to 2 years or imprisonment for up to 3 years.

2. Manufacture or sale of false drugs, is punished with imprisonment for up to 3 years.

3. The same act which negligently caused human death, is punished with imprisonment for 5 years.