

Denmark

Criminal Code

Consolidation Act No. 909 of September 27, 2005

Section 260

Any person, who

(1) by violence or under threat of violence, of substantial damage to property, of the deprivation of liberty or of a false accusation of having committed a punishable act or dishonourable conduct or of revealing matters appertaining to someone's private affairs, forces any person to do, suffer or omit to do anything; or who

(2) under threat of denouncing or revealing a punishable act or of making true accusations of dishonourable conduct, forces any person to do, suffer or omit to do anything, provided such coercion is not deemed to be duly justified by virtue of the circumstances to which the threat relates;

shall be guilty of unlawful coercion and liable to a fine or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding two years.

Section 261

(1) Any person who deprives another person of liberty shall be liable to a fine or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding four years.

(2) If the deprivation of liberty has been effected for the purpose of gain or if it has been of long duration or if it consisted of any person being unlawfully kept in custody as insane or mentally deficient or being enlisted for foreign military service or being taken into captivity or any other state of dependence in any foreign country, the penalty shall be imprisonment for any term not exceeding 12 years.

(3) Any person, who through gross negligence brings about a deprivation of liberty of the nature referred to in Subsection (2) above, shall be liable to a fine or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months.

Section 262 a

(1) Any person who recruits, transports, transfers, houses or subsequently receives a person, using or following the use of

- 1) unlawful coercion pursuant to Section 260 of this Act;
- 2) deprivation of liberty pursuant to Section 261 of this Act;
- 3) threats pursuant Section 266 of this Act;
- 4) unlawful induction, corroboration or exploitation of a delusion; or

5) other unseemly conduct;

for the purpose of exploitation of the individual through sexual immorality, forced labour, slavery or slavery-like conditions, or removal of organs, shall be guilty of trading in human beings and liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding eight years.

(2) The same penalty shall apply to any person, who, for the purpose of exploitation of the individual through sexual immorality, forced labour, slavery or slavery-like conditions, or removal of organs,

1) recruits, transports, transfers, houses or subsequently receives a person under the age of 18 years, or

2) renders a payment or other favours to obtain consent to the exploitation from an individual who has guardianship over the victim, and any person who receives such payment or other favours.”

Section 266

Any person, who in a manner likely to induce in some other person serious fear concerning the life, health or welfare of himself or of others, threatens to commit a punishable act, shall be liable to a fine or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding two years.