

The Criminal Law

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Section 145. Disclosure of Confidential Information of Another Person



For a person who commits intentional disclosure of personal confidential information of another person, if it has been committed by a person who pursuant to his or her position or employment must maintain the information entrusted or communicated to him or her in confidence, the applicable sentence is custodial arrest, or community service, or a fine not exceeding twenty times the minimum monthly wage.

Section 148. Infringement of Copyright and Neighbouring Rights ➔

(1) For a person who commits intentional infringement of copyright and neighbouring rights, if such is committed by infringing the rights of the author to publishing or communication and to use of the work, or by infringing the rights of the owners of neighbouring rights,

the applicable sentence is community service, or a fine not exceeding sixty times the

minimum monthly wage, with or without confiscation of property.

(2) For a person who commits the same acts, if commission thereof is repeated, or is by a group of persons pursuant to prior agreement, the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term not exceeding five years, or custodial arrest, or a fine not exceeding one hundred times the minimum monthly wage, with or without confiscation of property.

(3) For a person who commits appropriation of copyright or compelling, by means of violence, threats of violence or blackmail, the renouncing of authorship or commits compelling joint authorship, the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term not exceeding five years, or a fine not exceeding one hundred and sixty times the minimum monthly wage, with or without confiscation of property.

Section 149. Unlawful Acts with Objects of Copyright and Neighbouring Rights ➔

(1) For a person who commits unlawful sale of objects of copyright and neighbouring rights, or deriving of other financial benefit from the use of such objects, as are published, communicated, performed in public or otherwise used, infringing copyright or neighbouring rights,

the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term not exceeding two years, or custodial arrest, or a fine not exceeding eighty times the minimum monthly wage, with or without confiscation of property.

(2) For a person who commits the same acts, if commission thereof is repeated or if they have been committed by a group of persons pursuant to prior agreement, or if they have been committed on a large scale, the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term not exceeding five years, or custodial arrest, or a fine not exceeding one hundred and fifty times the minimum monthly wage, with confiscation of property.

(3) For a person who commits acquisition of the objects set out in Paragraph one of this Section for purposes of sale, storage or concealment, the applicable sentence is community service, or a fine not exceeding forty times the minimum monthly wage, with or without confiscation of property.

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Section 156. Defamation ➔

For a person who commits intentional defamation or demeaning of the dignity of a person orally, in writing, or by acts, the applicable sentence is custodial arrest, or a fine not exceeding ten times the minimum monthly wage.

Section 157. Bringing into Disrepute ➔

For a person who knowingly commits intentional distribution of fictions, knowing them to be untrue and defamatory of another person, in printed or otherwise reproduced material, or orally, if such has been done publicly (bringing into disrepute), the applicable sentence is

custodial arrest, or a fine not exceeding twenty times the minimum monthly wage.

Section 158. Defamation and Bringing into Disrepute in Mass Media ➡

For a person who commits intentional defamation or bringing into disrepute in mass media, the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term not exceeding one year, or custodial arrest, or community service, or a fine not exceeding thirty times the minimum monthly wage.

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Section 200. Unauthorised Acquisition and Disclosure of Information Containing Secrets Acquired In the Course of Employment or Commercial Secrets ➡

(1) For a person who commits unauthorised acquisition of economic, scientific technical, or other information comprising secrets acquired in the course of employment or commercial secrets, for use or disclosure by himself or herself or another person, or commits unauthorised disclosure of such information to another person for similar purposes, the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term not exceeding five years, or custodial arrest, or community service, or a fine not exceeding one hundred times the minimum monthly wage.

(2) For a person who commits theft of information as set out in Paragraph one of this Section, the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term not exceeding eight years, or a fine not exceeding one hundred and fifty times the minimum monthly wage.

Section 271. Defamation and Injuring Dignity of a Representative of Public Authority or Other State Official ➡

For a person who commits bringing into disrepute a representative of public authority, or other State official, or defamation of such persons in connection with performance of duties imposed on them, the applicable sentence is deprivation of liberty for a term not exceeding two years, or custodial arrest, or community service, or a fine not exceeding sixty times the minimum monthly wage.