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## CHAPTER 71

## KIDNAPPING

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**§ 2051. Definition; jurisdiction and consent**

Whoever unlawfully confines or imprisons another, or forcibly transports or carries him out of the State or from place to place within it, or so seizes, conveys, inveigles or kidnaps any person, by any means whatever and holds him for ransom or reward, shall be punished by imprisonment for life. If 2 or more persons enter into an agreement, confederation or conspiracy to violate this section and do any overt act toward carrying out such unlawful agreement, confederation or conspiracy, such person or persons shall be punished by imprisonment for such term of years as the court in its discretion shall determine. Indictments for these offenses may be found and tried in the county where such person was carried or brought, or in the county where the offense was committed. On trial, the consent of such person shall not be a defense unless it appears that it was not obtained by fraud, threats or duress.

R.S.1954, c. 130, § 14.

**§ 2052. Shipmasters carrying apprentices and minors out of State**

If the master of a vessel carries out of the State an apprentice, indented servant or person who has not attained his 21st birthday, without the consent of his parent, master or guardian, he shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200; and be liable in a civil action to such parent, master or guardian for all damages thereby sustained.

R.S.1954, c. 130, § 15; 1961, c. 317, § 452; 1963, c. 331, § 4.