

	California	District of Columbia	Maryland	Minnesota	Mississippi	Nevada	Oklahoma	Virginia	U.S Virgin Islands
Elements of Law	California Penal Code § 265	DC Code Ann. § 22-2705	Maryland Code Ann., Criminal Code § 11-303	Minnesota Statute Ann. § 609.265	Mississippi Code Ann. § 97-3-1	Nevada Rev. Statute 201.300	Oklahoma Statute Title 21 § 1117	Virginia Code Ann. § 18.2-355	U.S Virgin Islands § 1301
Force	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fraud			✓		✓				
Coercion			✓						
Menace	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Duress	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
Compel	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Threats		✓	✓			✓		✓	
Abduction		✓		✓					
Detain		✓	✓			✓		✓	
Married Against a Victim's Will Perpetrator	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
	Anyone	Anyone	Must knowingly intend to forcefully marry the victim or marry them to a third person	Anyone except parents, guardians, or individuals who have legal custody of the individual	Anyone	Anyone	Anyone	Anyone who takes a person with an intent	Anyone
Victim	Women	Anyone	Anyone	Younger than 18	14+	Anyone	Women	Anyone	Women
Punishable Offense	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maximum Sentence	Not Available	Adult (5 years)/ Under 18 (20 years)	25 years	1 year	15 years	Adult (5 years) / Children (20 years)	10 years	10 years	10 years
Protection for at-risk victims of FM		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	

Source: Julia Alanen (2011) Table: Forced Marriage Laws of the U.S. States and Territories. Available from <http://globaljusticeinitiative.wordpress.com/gji-e-library/library-2/> and the Tahirih Justice Center (2011). Criminal Laws Addressing Forced Marriage in the United States. Accessed from <http://www.tahirih.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Criminal-Laws-Addressing-Forced-Marriage-in-the-United-States.pdf>