

# 18 U.S. Code § 175c

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## Variola virus

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### (a) **Unlawful Conduct.**—

#### (1) **In general.**—

Except as provided in paragraph (2), it shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly produce, engineer, synthesize, acquire, transfer directly or indirectly, receive, possess, import, export, or use, or possess and threaten to use, variola virus.

#### (2) **Exception.**—

This subsection does not apply to conduct by, or under the authority of, the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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