

**WRONGFUL APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENTS**

1999 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Ron Allen**

AN ACT RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL CODE; PROVIDING THAT IT IS A CRIME TO  
WRONGFULLY APPROPRIATE PUBLICATIONS OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE; AND  
ENACTING RELATED PROVISIONS.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

**76-6-404.6**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **76-6-404.6** is enacted to read:

**76-6-404.6. Wrongful appropriation of publications offered free of charge.**

(1) Any person is guilty of wrongful appropriation who takes more than one copy of a  
publication offered free to the public on the face of which publication notice is prominently  
displayed that taking only one free copy per person is permitted.

(2) The value of each copy of a publication offered to the public free of charge shall be the  
cost of the copy, including all fixed and variable costs.

(3) Multiple violations within a 30-day period may be aggregated into a single offense, and  
the degree of the offense is determined by the total value of all the copies taken.

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**Legislative Review Note****as of 2-9-99 4:31 PM**

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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