

CHILD BIGAMY AMENDMENT

2003 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: M. Susan Lawrence

This act modifies the Criminal Code by adding the second degree felony offense of child bigamy to the state's bigamy law.

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

ENACTS:

76-7-101.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **76-7-101.5** is enacted to read:

76-7-101.5. Child bigamy -- Penalty.

(1) An actor 18 years of age or older is guilty of child bigamy when, knowing he or she has a wife or husband, or knowing that a person under 18 years of age has a wife or husband, the actor carries out the following with the person who is under 18 years of age:

(a) purports to marry the person who is under 18 years of age; or

(b) cohabits with the person who is under 18 years of age.

(2) A violation of Subsection (1) is a second degree felony.