

**Representative M. Susan Lawrence** proposes the following substitute bill:

## **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**

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

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

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

13        (1) An actor 18 years of age or older is guilty of child bigamy when, knowing he or she  
14 has a wife or husband, or knowing that a person under 18 years of age has a wife or husband,  
15 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.

