

Gross misdemeanor.

another to start, transmit or circulate any such statement, report, rumor or prediction shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 62.

[S. B. 155.]

CHILDREN'S WELFARE.

AN ACT relating to the welfare of minor children, their care, custody, control and adoption, and providing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Societies for care of children to be authorized by court.

Children under 14.

Parent relinquishing custody.

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, society, association or corporation, except the parents, or relatives within the second degree, or a benevolent or charitable society incorporated under the laws of this state for the purpose of, and engaged in the business of, receiving, caring for, and placing out for adoption, orphan, homeless, neglected, abandoned or abused minor children, to assume the permanent care, custody, or control of any child under fourteen (14) years of age, unless authorized to do so by an order of the court; and it shall be unlawful except with the approval of the court, for any parent, or parents, to relinquish or transfer in writing or otherwise to another person, society, firm, association or corporation, the permanent care, custody or control or the rights and duties with respect to the permanent care and custody or control of any child under fourteen (14) years of age; and any such release, assignment, or relinquishment shall be void: *Provided*, That this section shall not be construed to prohibit a parent, or parents from releasing, relinquishing or other-

wise transferring the custody of his or her child to any society or corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington for the care and placement of children, or to persons who are related to the child within the second degree, nor to prohibit such relative or corporations from accepting the custody of such child.

Societies existing under laws of state.

Relatives within 2nd degree.

SEC. 2. Every benevolent or charitable society, association, or corporation authorized by law to receive, secure homes for, or otherwise care for minor children, shall keep a record at the place where the business of the organization is transacted, in which shall be shown the names, ages, present and former addresses, occupations and character, of the parents of any such child, so far as known; the name of the child, date of birth and date and manner of reception, date of placing for adoption, together with the name, occupation, and residence of the person or persons with whom the child is placed for adoption or otherwise, and the reason and purpose of such placing; the date and cause of cancellation of any placing out of such child; the date and cause of removal to any other home and the names and residences of the persons in whose custody the child is placed in such other home; the date and by whom such a child is legally adopted; and a brief history of such child so long as such child shall be within the care, custody and control of such society, association or corporation: *Provided*, That the foregoing information shall be divulged only when it will inure to the benefit of the child.

Record of child.

Placing child for adoption.

Divulging record.

SEC. 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Violation.

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