

CHAPTER 74.

[H. B. 166.]

CRIMES AGAINST MORALITY, DECENCY AND NATURE.

AN Act relating to the crimes of carnal knowledge of children, crime against nature and indecent assault and exposure and amending sections 2436, 2442 and 2456 of Remington's Revised Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. That section 2436 of Remington's Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Amends
§ 2436 Rem.
Rev. Stat.
(§ 9108 P. C.)

Section 2436. Every adult male person who shall carnally know and abuse any female child under the age of eighteen years, not his wife, and every female person who shall have sexual intercourse with any male child under the age of eighteen years, not her husband, shall be punished as follows:

Carnal
knowledge
of children,
penalty.

(1) When such an act is committed upon a child under the age of fifteen years, imprisonment in the state penitentiary for life;

(2) When such an act is committed upon a child of fifteen and under eighteen years of age, by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than twenty years.

SEC. 2. That section 2442 of Remington's Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Amends
§ 2442 Rem.
Rev. Stat.
(§ 9114 P. C.)

Section 2442. (1) Every person who shall take any indecent liberties with, or on the person of any female of chaste character, without her consent, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor;

Indecent
assault,
penalty.

(2) Every person who shall take any indecent liberties with or on the person of any female under the age of fifteen years, or make any indecent, or obscene exposure of his person, or of the person of another, whether with or without his or her consent,

Indecent
exposure,
penalty.

shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than twenty years, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year.

Amends
§ 2456 Rem.
Rev. Stat.
(§ 8768 P. C.)

SEC. 3. That section 2456 of Remington's Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Sodomy,
penalty.

Section 2456. Every person who shall carnally know in any manner any animal or bird; or who shall carnally know any male or female person by the anus or with the mouth or tongue; or who shall voluntarily submit to such carnal knowledge; or who shall attempt sexual intercourse with a dead body, shall be guilty of sodomy and shall be punished as follows:

(1) When such act is committed upon a child under the age of fifteen years, by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than twenty years.

(2) In all other cases by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than ten years.

Passed the House March 4, 1937.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1937.

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1937.