

CHAPTER 207
[Engrossed House Bill No. 381]
DOMESTIC RELATIONS--
SUPPORT OF STEPCHILDREN

AN ACT Relating to husband and wife and family desertion or nonsupport; amending section 2407, Laws of 1881 and RCW 26.16.205; and amending section 1, chapter 28, Laws of 1913, as last amended by section 1, chapter 249, Laws of 1955 and RCW 26.20.030; and providing penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 2407, Laws of 1881 and RCW 26.16.205 are each amended to read as follows:

The expenses of the family and the education of the children, including stepchildren, are chargeable upon the property of both husband and wife, or either or them, and in relation thereto they may be sued jointly or separately: PROVIDED, That with regard to stepchildren, the obligation shall cease upon the termination of the relationship of husband and wife.

Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 28, Laws of 1913, as last amended by section 1, chapter 249, Laws of 1955 and RCW 26.20.030 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Every person who:

(a) Has a child dependent upon him or her for care, education or support and deserts such child in any manner whatever with intent to abandon it; or

(b) Wilfully omits, without lawful excuse, to furnish necessary food, clothing, shelter, or medical attendance for his or her child or stepchild or children or stepchildren or ward or wards; PROVIDED, That with regard to stepchildren the obligation shall cease upon termination of the relationship of husband and wife; or

(c) Has sufficient ability to provide for his wife's support or is able to earn the means for his wife's support and wilfully abandons and leaves her in a destitute condition; or who refuses or neglects to provide his wife with necessary food, clothing, shelter,

or medical attendance, unless by her misconduct he is justified in abandoning her, shall be guilty of the crime of family desertion or nonsupport.

(2) When children are involved under the age of sixteen years such act shall be a felony and 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 or by fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by both fine and imprisonment.

(3) When there is no child under sixteen years, such act shall be a gross misdemeanor and shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year or by fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment.

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CHAPTER 208
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 150]
MOTOR VEHICLES ON PRIVATE
PROPERTY--IMPOUNDMENT

AN ACT Relating to the impounding of motor vehicles standing upon private property without the consent of the owner thereof; and adding a new section to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.52 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.52 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever any owner or person having possession or control of real property finds a vehicle standing upon such property without his consent, he is authorized to have such vehicle removed from such property and stored or held for its owner. Any towing firm providing such removal service shall promptly report the fact of a vehicle impound together with the license number, make, year and place of impound of such vehicle to the appropriate law enforcement agency, and shall post the authorized charges therefor prominently at its place of business, and the charges and costs incurred in the removal