

## SECTION

38. Penalty for advertising in newspaper offering to procure divorce.

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39. Neglect to provide for family, how punished; jurisdiction of district court.

Bigamy defined, and how punished.

SECTION 1. Every person who shall be convicted of being married to another, or of cohabiting with another as husband and wife, having at the time a former husband or wife living, shall be imprisoned not exceeding five years nor less than one year or be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars: *Provided*, that this shall not extend to any person whose husband or wife shall be continually remaining without the limits of this state for the space of seven years together, the party being married after the expiration of said seven years, not knowing the other to be living within that time, nor to any person who shall be divorced at the time of such second marriage, nor to any person by reason of any former or prior marriage, made when the man was less than fourteen and the woman less than twelve years of age.

Adultery defined, and how punished.  
8 R. I. 543.

SEC. 2. Every person who shall commit adultery shall be imprisoned not exceeding one year or be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars; and illicit sexual intercourse between any two persons, where either of them is married, shall be deemed adultery in each.

Carnal knowledge of girl under 16 years, how punished.

SEC. 3. Whoever shall unlawfully and carnally know and abuse any girl under the age of sixteen years shall be imprisoned not exceeding fifteen years.

Attempt of same, how punished.  
27 R. I. 464.

SEC. 4. Whoever shall attempt to have unlawful carnal knowledge of any girl under the age of sixteen years shall be imprisoned not exceeding ten years.

Seduction, how to be punished.  
27 R. I. 456.  
27 R. I. 464.

SEC. 5. Whoever by threats or intimidation procures or induces, or attempts to procure or induce, any woman or girl to have any unlawful carnal connection either with himself or with any other person, or by false pretences, false representations or other fraudulent means, procures or induces any woman or girl, not being a common prostitute or of known immoral character, to have unlawful carnal connection either with himself or with any other person, or applies, administers to, or causes to be taken by any woman or girl any drug, matter or thing with intent to stupefy or overpower so as thereby to enable himself or any other person to have unlawful carnal connection with such woman or girl, or, being above the age of eighteen years, shall by any means whatsoever procure or induce any girl under the age of eighteen years, and not of known immoral character, to have any unlawful carnal connection either with himself or with any other person, shall be imprisoned not exceeding five years: *Provided, however*, that no person shall be convicted of an offence under this section upon the evidence of one witness only, unless such witness be corroborated by other evidence.

Enticing female into house of ill-fame, how punished.

SEC. 6. Every person who shall inveigle or entice any woman, or female child, before reputed virtuous, or any female child under

fourteen years of age not proven by the defendant to have been of previous bad character, to a house of ill-fame, or who shall knowingly conceal, or aid or abet in concealing, any such woman or female child so inveigled or enticed, for the purpose of prostitution or lewdness, shall be imprisoned not exceeding five years or be fined not exceeding five thousand dollars.

SEC. 7. Whenever there is reason to believe that any woman, or female child, has been inveigled or enticed to a house of ill-fame as aforesaid, upon complaint thereof being made, under oath, by any overseer of the poor, sheriff, deputy-sheriff, town sergeant or constable, or by the parent, master or guardian of such woman or female child, to any justice or clerk of a district court authorized to issue such warrants, such justice or clerk may issue his warrant, to enter by day or night, such house or houses of ill-fame, and to search for such woman, or female child, and to bring her and the person in whose possession or keeping she may be found, before such district court, who may, on examination, order her to be delivered to such overseer, parent, master or guardian, or to be discharged, as law and justice may require.

SEC. 8. Every person who shall commit fornication shall be fined not exceeding ten dollars.

SEC. 9. Persons within the degrees of consanguinity, within which marriage is by law prohibited or declared to be null and void, who shall intermarry or commit adultery or fornication with each other, shall be imprisoned not exceeding twenty years nor less than five years.

SEC. 10. Every woman who shall conceal the birth of any issue of her body, which, if it were born alive, would be a bastard, so that it may not be known whether it was born dead or alive, or conceal the death of any infant bastard child born of her body, so that it may not be known whether such child was murdered or not, shall be imprisoned not exceeding ten months or be fined not exceeding three hundred dollars.

SEC. 11. Any woman who shall be indicted for the murder of her infant bastard child, may also be charged in the same indictment with either or both of the offences mentioned in the preceding section, and if, upon trial, the jury shall acquit her on the charge of murder and find her guilty of the other offences, or either of them, judgment and sentence may be awarded against her accordingly.

SEC. 12. Every person who shall be convicted of the abominable and detestable crime against nature, either with mankind or with any beast, shall be imprisoned not exceeding twenty years nor less than seven years.

SEC. 13. Every person who shall import, print, publish, sell, or distribute any book, pamphlet, ballad, printed paper, or other thing containing obscene, indecent, or impure language, or mani-

Of warrant to search houses of ill-fame for such female.

Ch. 347, § 7.  
32 R. L. 70.

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Amend. Ch. 1219.

Ch. 347, § 8.  
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Fornication, how to be punished.  
16 R. L. 294.

Marriage, etc., within prohibited degrees, how punished.

Ch. 347, § 9.  
Amend. Ch. 1219.

Concealment of birth or death of bastard, how punished.

Both offences may be included in indictment.  
4 R. L. 257.

Crime against nature, how punished.

Penalty for importing, printing, selling, etc., obscene, indecent, or impure book, print, etc.