

House Bill 576

In The House

January 30, 1981

Introduced and referred  
to Committee on Judiciary.

February 13, 1981

Committee recommend bill  
do not pass.

HOUSE BILL NO. 576

INTRODUCED BY

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL TRANSACTIONS WITH CHILDREN; AMENDING SECTION 45-5-623, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 45-5-623, MCA, is amended to read:

"45-5-623. Unlawful transactions with children. (1) A person commits the offense of unlawful transactions with children if he knowingly:

(a) sells or gives explosives to a child under the age of majority except as authorized under appropriate city ordinances;

(b) sells or gives intoxicating substances other than alcoholic beverages to a child under the age of majority;

(c) sells or gives alcoholic beverages to a person under 19 years of age; or

(d) being a junk dealer, pawnbroker, or secondhand dealer, receives or purchases goods from a child under the age of majority without authorization of the parent or guardian; or

~~(e) assists, promotes, or encourages a child under the age of majority to:~~

~~(i) abandon the place of his residence without consent of his parents or guardian;~~

~~(ii) leave the area or county of his residence without permission of his parents or guardian;~~

~~(iii) be absent from the control of his parents by harboring such youth; or~~

~~(iv) enter a place of prostitution.~~

(2) A person convicted of the offense of unlawful transactions with children shall be fined not to exceed \$500 or be imprisoned in the county jail for any term not to exceed 6 months, or both. A person convicted of a second offense of unlawful transactions with children shall be fined not to exceed \$1,000 or be imprisoned in the county jail for any term not to exceed 6 months, or both."

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