CHAPTER 33 FORMERLY SENATE BILL NO. 32

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE :

Section 1. Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code by deleting §1101 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"§ 1101. Abandonment of child; class E felony; class F felony.

A person is guilty of abandonment of a child when, being a parent, guardian or other person legally charged with the care or custody of a child, the person deserts the child in any place intending permanently to abandon the child.

Abandonment of a child is a class E felony unless the child is 14 years of age or older. Abandonment of a child 14 years of age or older is a class F felony."

Section 2. This Act becomes effective thirty days after its enactment into law.

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