

(A) ACTIONS PROHIBITED.

A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR BREACH OF PROMISE TO MARRY IS PROHIBITED WHETHER IT AROSE IN THE STATE OR ELSEWHERE, UNLESS THE PLAINTIFF IS PREGNANT. A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR ALIENATION OF AFFECTIONS IS PROHIBITED WHETHER IT AROSE IN THE STATE OR ELSEWHERE.

(B) CONTRACTS VOID; EXCEPTION.

A CONTRACT FOR PAYMENT OR SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM PROHIBITED BY THIS SECTION IS VOID AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH A CONTRACT IS PROHIBITED, EXCEPT THAT A NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT IN THE HANDS OF A HOLDER IN DUE COURSE MAY BE ENFORCED.

(C) PENALTY FOR FILING ACTION OR ASSERTING A CLAIM.

A PERSON WHO DOES AN ACT PROHIBITED BY THIS SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS, OR BOTH. A PERSON VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IF HE:

(1) ASSERTS OR SETTLES A CLAIM OR FILES OR THREATENS TO FILE AN ACTION IN A MATTER PROHIBITED BY THIS SECTION;

(2) ATTEMPTS TO INDUCE ANOTHER PERSON TO ASSERT, SETTLE, FILE, OR THREATEN TO FILE AN ACTION PROHIBITED BY THIS SECTION; OR

(3) RECEIVES OR ACCEPTS ANY MONEY OR THING OF VALUE KNOWING THAT IT IS IN PAYMENT OF A CLAIM PROHIBITED BY THIS SECTION.

(D) LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION.

THIS SECTION IS REMEDIAL IN NATURE AND SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO ACCOMPLISH ITS PURPOSES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from Art. 75C, §§ 1 - 9.

Subsection (a) is new language derived from the combination of the provisions from §§ 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The subsection is changed substantively to permit bringing of suits for breach of promise to marry only by a woman who is pregnant. Under the