

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to avoid repetition of phrases such as "parent destitute of means of subsistence and unable either by reason of old age, infirmity, or illness, to support himself or herself".

13-102. PROHIBITED ACTS; PENALTIES.

(A) DUTY TO SUPPORT DESTITUTE PARENT.

IF A DESTITUTE PARENT IS IN THIS STATE AND HAS AN ADULT CHILD WHO HAS OR IS ABLE TO EARN SUFFICIENT MEANS, THE ADULT CHILD MAY NOT NEGLECT OR REFUSE TO PROVIDE THE DESTITUTE PARENT WITH FOOD, SHELTER, CARE, AND CLOTHING.

(B) DUTY TO SUPPORT DESTITUTE ADULT CHILD.

IF A DESTITUTE ADULT CHILD IS IN THIS STATE AND HAS A PARENT WHO HAS OR IS ABLE TO EARN SUFFICIENT MEANS, THE PARENT MAY NOT NEGLECT OR REFUSE TO PROVIDE THE DESTITUTE ADULT CHILD WITH FOOD, SHELTER, CARE, AND CLOTHING.

(C) PENALTIES.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR, OR BOTH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 27, §§ 97 and 104.

In subsection (a) of this section, "adult child" is substituted for the former word "person", for clarity.

In subsection (b) of this section, the phrase "in this State" is new language added to conform to subsection (a) of this section.

Also in subsection (b) of this section, "parent" is substituted for the former word "person", for clarity.

As to subsection (c) of this section, former Article 27, § 104 provided for a maximum fine of \$500 or imprisonment in the House of Correction for not more than 1 year, or both, for the failure of an adult child to support the adult child's destitute parent, while former Article 27, § 97 provided a maximum fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both, for the failure of a parent to support the parent's destitute adult child. Subsection (c) of this section is revised to provide a standard penalty of a maximum fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for not