

- 1 Introduced by Mr. S. E. Erickson, March 3, 1903.
- 2 Ordered printed and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A BILL

For an act making it a misdemeanor to abandon or wilfully neglect to provide for the support and maintenance by any person of his wife, or of his or her minor children, in destitute or necessitous circumstances.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly:* That every person who shall, without good cause, abandon his wife and neglect and refuse to maintain and provide for her, or who shall abandon his or her minor child or children in destitute or necessitous circumstances and wilfully neglect or refuse to maintain and provide for such child or children, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail, house of correction, or workhouse, not less than one month

A civil action and such wife shall be a competent witness to testify in any
in case brought under this act and to any and all matters relevant thereto,
including the fact of such reading and the contents of such child or
children.

Section 3. All acts and portions thereof in conflict herewith are hereby
repealed.

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