

TITLE 8: FAMILY LAW AND PROBATE
DIVISION 1: DOMESTIC RELATIONS

§ 1420. Illegal Acts.

The following acts shall constitute a felony and shall be punishable by one year imprisonment or a \$10,000 fine, or both:

(a) *Child Trafficking*. For the purposes of this section, a person commits the offense of child trafficking when he or she gives or receives or offers to give or receive a minor, born or unborn, for adoption in exchange for money or anything of value, including personal services. Nothing in this section shall be construed to criminalize a payment of reasonable expenses reportable under 8 CMC § 1409.

(b) *Adoption for Pay*. For purposes of this section, a person commits the offense of adoption for pay when he or she adopts another or intentionally induces a person to adopt another in exchange for money or anything of value, including personal services.

Source: PL 8-42, § 22; (c) deleted by PL 17-1 § 8(B) (March 22, 2010).*

Commission Comment: *PL 17-1 contained the following section regarding the effective date of the law:

Section 12. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or becoming law without such approval and shall be retroactive to November 28, 2009 except as otherwise specifically provided herein.