

CONNECTICUT STATE LAW

Senate Bill No. 1017 PUBLIC ACT NO. 97-298

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR LEAVING A CHILD UNSUPERVISED IN A PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR A MOTOR VEHICLE. (Approved July 8, 1997)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- (a) Any parent, guardian or person having custody or control, or providing supervision, of any child under the age of twelve years knowingly leaves such child unsupervised in a place of public accommodation or a motor vehicle for a period of time that presents a substantial risk to the child's health or safety, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- (b) Any parent, guardian or person having custody or control, or providing supervision, of any child under the age of twelve years who knowingly leaves such child unsupervised in place of public accommodation, which holds a permit issued under chapter 545 of the general statutes for the sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises, for a period of time that presents a substantial risk to the child's health or safety, shall be guilty of a class D felony.
- (c) Any parent, guardian or person having custody or control, or providing supervision, of any child under the age of twelve years who knowingly leaves such child unsupervised in place of public accommodation or a motor vehicle between the hours of eight o'clock p.m. and six o'clock a.m. for a period of time that presents a substantial risk to the child's health or safety, shall be guilty of a Class C felony
- (d) Child abandonment is a Class 4 felony. A second or subsequent offense after a prior conviction a is Class 3 felony Public Act 97-298, Effective October 1, 1997, Unsupervised Children

This Act creates penalties for leaving a child under the age of twelve unsupervised for a time that presents a substantial risk to the child's health or safety.

- 1. Class A misdemeanor - in a place of public accommodation or a motor vehicle.
- 2. Class D felony - in a place of public accommodation which holds a liquor license.
- 3. Class C felony - in a place of public accommodation or a motor vehicle between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

