

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated
Title 21: Crimes and Punishments
Part IV. Crimes Against Public Decency and Morality
Chapter 31: Abandonment and Neglect of Wife or Children
§ 853. Desertion of wife or child under 15 a felony
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Every person who shall without good cause abandon his wife in destitute or necessitous circumstances and neglect and refuse to maintain or provide for her, or who shall abandon his or her minor child or children under the age of fifteen (15) years and willfully neglect or refuse to maintain or provide for such child or children, shall be deemed guilty of a felony punishable by a term of imprisonment not to exceed three (3) years and a fine not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), or both.

Historical Data

LA 10-90, eff. November 13, 1990. Amended LA 07-21, eff. February 22, 2021.