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IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1279

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT RELATING TO LIABILITY OF LEGAL GUARDIANS FOR THEIR WARD; AMENDING SECTION 8-705, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO A LEGAL GUARDIAN; AMEND-ING SECTION 16-1628, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO A GUARDIAN; AMENDING SECTION 18-6711A, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO A LEGAL GUARDIAN; AMENDING SECTION 18-8409, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO A GUARDIAN; AMENDING SECTION 20-501, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO A LEGAL GUARDIAN; AMENDING SECTION 20-520, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO A LEGAL GUARDIAN; AMENDING SECTION 20-524, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO A LEGAL GUARDIAN AND TO PROVIDE REFERENCE TO ANOTHER LEGALLY OBLIGATED PERSON; AMENDING SECTION 32-1301, IDAHO CODE, TO CLARIFY THAT A GUARDIAN MUST HAVE LEGAL AND PHYSICAL CUSTODY TO BE LI-ABLE FOR FAILURE TO SUPERVISE A CHILD; AMENDING SECTION 33-1406, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO A GUARDIAN; AMENDING SECTION 39-2611, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO GUARDIANS; AMENDING SECTION 39-7504, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO GUARDIANS; AND AMENDING SECTION 48-702, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO A LEGAL GUARDIAN AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

20 SECTION 1. That Section 8-705, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 21 amended to read as follows:

8-705. WAGE ASSIGNMENT FOR SUPPORT AND CARE OF DELINQUENT CHILD. In any proceeding where the court has ordered a parent, legal guardian, or custodian to pay any amount for the care, support or maintenance of a child adjudged to be within the purview of chapter 5, title 20, Idaho Code, and through the adjudication has rendered a liability upon the parent, legal guardian or custodian to pay damages or to pay for the child's support and care, the following procedure may be utilized for collection. The court may order the parent, legal guardian or custodian to assign a sum as the court may determine to be equitable or as may otherwise be provided by statute or contract to the county clerk, probation officer or other office of the court or county officer designated by the court to receive such payment. The assignment shall be that portion of salary or wages of the parent, legal guardian or custodian the court deems would be due in the future to apply on the amount ordered by the court for the care, support or maintenance of the delinquent child or for breach of contract caused by the child's delinquency. The order shall be binding upon an employer and until further order of the court. Any such order may be modified or revoked at any time by the court. Any such assignment made pursuant to court order shall have priority as against any attachment, execution or other assignment, unless otherwise ordered by the court. All sums collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be remitted as may be provided by law.

SECTION 2. That Section 16-1628, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 16-1628. SUPPORT OF COMMITTED CHILD. (1) Whenever legal custody of a child is vested in someone other than his parents, after due notice to the parent, guardian or other persons legally obligated to care for and support the child, and after a hearing, the court may order and decree that the parent or other legally obligated person shall pay in such a manner as the court may direct a reasonable sum that will cover in whole or in part the support and treatment of the child after an order of temporary custody, if any, or the decree is entered. If the parent or other legally obligated person willfully fails or refuses to pay such sum, the court may proceed against him for contempt, or the order may be filed and shall have the effect of a civil judgment.
- (2) All child support orders shall notify the obligor that the order will be enforced by income withholding pursuant to chapter 12, title 32, Idaho Code.
- (3) Failure to include these provisions does not affect the validity of the support order or decree. The court shall require that the social security numbers of both the obligor and obligee be included in the order or decree.
- SECTION 3. That Section 18-6711A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 18-6711A. FALSE ALARMS -- COMPLAINTS -- REPORTS -- PENALTIES -- CIVIL DAMAGES. (a) Any person calling the number "911" for the purpose of making a false alarm or complaint and reporting false information which could or does result in the emergency response of any firefighting, police, medical or other emergency services shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to a fine of not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or to a term of not to exceed one (1) year in the county jail, or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (b) In addition to the criminal penalties for violation of the provisions of this section, civil damages may be recovered from the person so convicted in an amount of three (3) times the amount necessary to compensate or reimburse the complainant for costs incurred, losses sustained or other damages suffered in receiving, acting upon or responding to the false alarm, complaint or report. If the person so convicted is under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, the parent or legal guardian having legal custody of the minor may be jointly and severally liable with the minor for such civil damages as are imposed. Recovery from the parents or legal guardian shall not be limited by any other provision of law which limits the liability of a parent or legal guardian for the tortious or criminal conduct of a minor. A parent or guardian not having legal custody of the minor shall not be liable for civil damages imposed hereunder.
- SECTION 4. That Section 18-8409, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

18-8409. FAILURE TO REGISTER, PENALTIES. (1) A juvenile sex offender who fails to register or provide notification of a change of name or address is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(2) A parent or guardian of a juvenile sex offender commits the misdemeanor offense of failure to supervise a child if the offender fails to register or provide notification of a change of name or address as required by this section. A person convicted of this offense is subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

SECTION 5. That Section 20-501, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

20-501. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the policy of the state of Idaho that the juvenile corrections system will be based on the following principles: accountability; community protection; and competency development. Where a juvenile has been found to be within the purview of the juvenile corrections act, the court shall impose a sentence that will protect the community, hold the juvenile accountable for his actions, and assist the juvenile in developing skills to become a contributing member of a diverse community. It is the further policy of the state of Idaho that the parents or other legal quardians of the juvenile offender participate in the accomplishment of these goals through participation in counseling and treatment designed to develop positive parenting skills and an understanding of the family's role in the juvenile's behavior. It is the further intent of the legislature that the parents or legal quardians of the juvenile offender be held accountable, where appropriate, through monetary reimbursement for supervision and confinement of the juvenile offender, and restitution to victims of the juvenile's delinquent acts. In enacting this legislation, the legislature finds that the juvenile corrections system should encompass the following aspects: day treatment, community programs, observation and assessment programs, probation services, secure facilities, after-care and assistance to counties for juveniles not committed to the custody of the department of juvenile corrections.

The following is a brief description of what the legislature intends to become the components of Idaho's juvenile corrections system:

Probation. Probation officers would have twenty-four (24) hour on call responsibility for juveniles and would monitor their activities on a continual basis. Probation officers would be responsible for assisting juveniles and their families in accessing counseling or treatment resources, close supervision of juveniles' activities, supervision of restitution and coordination of other services provided to juveniles. Juvenile offenders ordered into the custody of the department of juvenile corrections would be monitored by a county probation officer.

Day treatment. Day treatment programs would be time limited nonresidential treatment and educational programs. Included in these programs would be trackers who would provide intensive supervision of juveniles through daily contact and by counseling juveniles regarding employment, education, courts, family and life skills. Nonresidential alcohol and drug programs would provide outpatient assessment and counseling for juveniles with substance abuse problems.

Community programs. It is intended that community programs would exist throughout the state to provide twenty-four (24) hour residential supervision and treatment options to juveniles in close proximity to their families and their community. It is intended that these programs would strengthen the juvenile's relationship with family, engender a commitment to school and employment, promote the development of competency and life skills and help juveniles generalize appropriate behavior into their environment.

Observation and assessment. Regional observation and assessment centers would be provided, either directly or on a contract basis, to conduct observation and assessment of the juvenile in a short-term residential experience. It is intended that these programs would maintain standardized home and daily routines with intensive daily programming.

Secure facilities. Secure facilities would provide secure confinement, discipline, education and treatment of the most seriously delinquent juveniles. Programs at the secure facilities would be designed to help juveniles recognize accountability for delinquent behavior by confronting and eliminating delinquent norms, criminal thinking and antisocial behavior and making restitution to victims through community service or other restitution programs.

It is the further intent of the legislature that the primary purpose of this act is to provide a continuum of programs which emphasize the juvenile offender's accountability for his actions while assisting him in the development of skills necessary to function effectively and positively in the community in a manner consistent with public safety. These services and programs will individualize treatment and control of the juvenile offender for the benefit of the juvenile and the protection of society. It is legislative intent that the department of juvenile corrections be operated within the framework of the following principles to accomplish this mission:

- (1) Provide humane, disciplined confinement to a juvenile who presents a danger to the community.
- (2) Strengthen opportunities for the juvenile's development of competency and life skills by expanding the juvenile's access to applicable programs and community resources.
- (3) Hold juveniles accountable for their delinquent behavior through such means as victim restitution, community service programs and the sharing of correctional costs.
- (4) Invoke the participation of the juvenile offender's parent or legal guardian in assisting the juvenile to recognize and accept responsibility for his delinquent or other antisocial behavior and hold the parent or legal guardian accountable, where appropriate, through the payment of detention costs and restitution to victims and through attendance at programs for the development of positive parenting skills designed to promote a functional relationship between the juvenile and his family.
- (5) Develop efficient and effective juvenile correctional programs within the framework of professional correctional standards, legislative intent and available resources.
- (6) Provide for a diversity of innovative and effective programs through research on delinquent behavior and the continuous evaluation of correctional programs.

(7) Assist counties in developing meaningful programs for juveniles who have come into the juvenile corrections system but who have not been committed to the custody of the department of juvenile corrections.

- (8) Provide programs to increase public awareness of the mission of the juvenile corrections system and encourage public participation in developing an effective juvenile corrections system designed to aid in reducing juvenile crime in this state.
- (9) Develop and maintain a statewide juvenile offender information system.

SECTION 6. That Section 20-520, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 20-520. SENTENCING. (1) Upon the entry of an order finding the juvenile is within the purview of the act, the court shall then hold a sentencing hearing in the manner prescribed by the Idaho juvenile rules to determine the sentence that will promote accountability, competency development and community protection. Prior to the entry of an order disposing of the case, other than an order of discharge or dismissal, the court may request and, if requested, shall receive a report containing the results of an inquiry into the home environment, past history, competency development, prevention or out of home placement services provided, and the social, physical and mental condition of the juvenile. The court shall not consider or review the report prior to the entry of an order of adjudication. Upon presentation and consideration of the report by the court, the court may proceed to sentence the juvenile as follows:
 - (a) Place the juvenile on formal probation for a period not to exceed three (3) years from the date of the order, except the court may place a juvenile on formal probation for a period not to exceed the juvenile's twenty-first birthday if the court finds that the juvenile has committed a crime of a sexual nature;
 - (b) Sentence the juvenile to detention pursuant to this act for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days for each act, omission or status which is prohibited by the federal, state, local or municipal law or ordinance by reason of minority only. The sentence shall not be executed unless the act, omission or status is in violation of section 922(x) of title 18, United States Code, or the court finds that the juvenile has violated the court's decree imposing the sentence as provided below.

If the court, after notice and hearing, finds that a juvenile has violated the court's decree imposing the sentence under circumstances that bring the violation under the valid court order exception of the federal juvenile justice and delinquency prevention act of 1974, as amended, the court may commit the juvenile to detention for the period of detention previously imposed at sentencing;

- (c) Commit the juvenile to a period of detention, pursuant to this act, for a period of time not to exceed ninety (90) days for each unlawful or criminal act the juvenile is found to have committed, if the unlawful or criminal act would be a misdemeanor if committed by an adult, or where the juvenile has been adjudicated as an habitual status offender;
- (d) If the juvenile has committed an unlawful or criminal act which would be a felony if committed by an adult, the court may commit the ju-

venile to detention for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days for each unlawful or criminal act;

- (e) Whenever a court commits a juvenile to a period of detention it shall notify the school district where the detention facility is located. No juvenile who is found to come within the purview of the act for the commission of a status offense shall be sentenced to detention in a jail facility unless an adjudication has been made that the juvenile is an habitual status offender;
- (f) Commit the juvenile to detention and suspend the sentence on specific probationary conditions;
- (g) The court may suspend or restrict the juvenile's driving privileges for such periods of time as the court deems necessary, and the court may take possession of the juvenile's driver's license. The juvenile may request restricted driving privileges during a period of suspension, which the court may allow if the juvenile shows by a preponderance of evidence that driving privileges are necessary for his employment or for family health needs;
- (h) The court may order that the juvenile be examined or treated by a physician, surgeon, psychiatrist or psychologist, or that he receive other special care, or that he submit to an alcohol or drug evaluation, if needed, and for such purposes may place the juvenile in a hospital or other suitable facility;
- (i) The court may order that the department of health and welfare conduct a comprehensive substance abuse assessment of the juvenile. After receiving the comprehensive substance abuse assessment, and upon a finding by the court that treatment will provide a cost-effective means of achieving the sentencing goals of accountability, competency development and community protection, the court may order that the juvenile receive immediate treatment for substance abuse in keeping with a plan of treatment approved by the court. The initial cost of the assessment and treatment shall be borne by the department of health and welfare. The director of the department of health and welfare may promulgate rules consistent with this paragraph (i) to establish a schedule of fees to be charged to parents by the department of health and welfare for such services based upon the cost of the services and the ability of parents to pay;
- (j) In support of an order under the provisions of this section, the court may make an additional order setting forth reasonable conditions to be complied with by the parents, the juvenile, his legal guardian or custodian, or any other person who has been made a party to the proceedings, including, but not limited to, restrictions on visitation by the parents or one (1) parent, restrictions on the juvenile's associates, occupation and other activities, and requirements to be observed by the parents, guardian or custodian;
- (k) The court may make any other reasonable order which is in the best interest of the juvenile or is required for the protection of the public, except that no person under the age of eighteen (18) years may be committed to jail, prison or a secure facility which does not meet the standards set forth in section 20-518, Idaho Code, unless jurisdiction over the individual is in the process of being waived or has been waived

pursuant to section 20-508 or 20-509, Idaho Code. The court may combine several of the above-listed modes of disposition where they are compatible;

- (1) An order under the provisions of this section for probation or placement of a juvenile with an individual or an agency may provide a schedule for review of the case by the court;
- (m) Order the proceeding expanded or altered to include consideration of the cause pursuant to chapter 16, title 16, Idaho Code;
- (n) Order the case and all documents and records connected therewith transferred to the magistrate division of the district court for the county where the juvenile and/or parents reside if different than the county where the juvenile was charged and found to have committed the unlawful or criminal act, for the entry of a dispositional order;
- (o) Order such other terms, conditions, care or treatment as appears to the court will best serve the interests of the juvenile and the community;
- (p) The court shall assess a twenty dollar (\$20.00) detention/probation training academy fee against the juvenile for every petition filed where there has been an adjudication that the juvenile is within the purview of this chapter. All moneys raised pursuant to this paragraph shall be transmitted by the court for deposit in the juvenile corrections fund which is created in section 20-542, Idaho Code;
- (q) Additionally, the court shall assess a fee of sixty cents (60¢) per hour of community service against the juvenile for every petition filed where there has been an adjudication that the juvenile is within the purview of this chapter and the court is ordering community service. Such fee is to be remitted by the court to the state insurance fund for purposes of providing worker's compensation insurance for persons performing community service pursuant to this chapter. However, if a county is self-insured and provides worker's compensation insurance for persons performing community service pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, then remittance to the state insurance fund is not required;
- (r) Commit the juvenile to the legal custody of the department of juvenile corrections for an indeterminate period of time not to exceed the juvenile's nineteenth birthday, unless the custody review board determines that extended time in custody is necessary to address competency development, accountability, and community protection; provided however, that no juvenile shall remain in the custody of the department beyond the juvenile's twenty-first birthday. The department shall adopt rules implementing the custody review board and operations and procedures of such board;
- (s) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a court may not commit a juvenile offender under the age of ten (10) years to a period of detention or to the custody of the department of juvenile corrections for placement in secure confinement.
- (2) When an order is entered pursuant to this section, the juvenile shall be transported to the facility or program so designated by the court or the department, as applicable, by the sheriff of the county where the juvenile resides or is committed, or by an appointed agent. When committing a

juvenile to the department, or another entity, the court shall at once forward to the department or entity a certified copy of the order of commitment.

- (3) Unless the court determines that an order of restitution would be inappropriate or undesirable, it shall order the juvenile or his parents or both to pay restitution to or make whole any victim who suffers an economic loss as a result of the juvenile's conduct in accordance with the standards and requirements of sections 19-5304 and 19-5305, Idaho Code. The amount of restitution which may be ordered by the court shall not be subject to the limitations of section 6-210, Idaho Code. Court-ordered restitution shall be paid prior to any other court-ordered payments unless the court specifically orders otherwise. The clerk of the district court, with the approval of the administrative district judge, may use the procedures set forth in section 19-4708, Idaho Code, for the collection of the restitution.
- (4) The court may order the juvenile's parents, legal guardian or custodian to pay the charges imposed by community programs ordered by the court for the juvenile, or the juvenile's parents, legal guardian or custodian.
- (5) Any parent, legal guardian or custodian violating any order of the court entered against the person under the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to contempt proceedings under the provisions of chapter 6, title 7, Idaho Code.

SECTION 7. That Section 20-524, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 20-524. SUPPORT OF JUVENILE -- REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS INCURRED. (1) Whenever a juvenile is placed by the court in custody other than that of the juvenile's parents, guardian or custodian, after due notice to the parent, guardian or other persons legally obligated to care for and support the juvenile, and after a hearing, the court may order and decree that the parent or other legally obligated person shall pay in such a manner as the court may direct a reasonable sum that will cover in whole or in part the support and treatment of the juvenile. If the parent or other legally obligated person willfully fails or refuses to pay such sum, the court may proceed against him for contempt, or the order may be filed and shall have the effect of a civil judgment.
- (2) If the juvenile is detained, the court may order that the parents exether legal guardian of the juvenile or other legally obligated person contribute to the costs of detention in an amount to be set by the court. The order may be filed and shall have the effect of a civil judgment. It is the intent of the legislature that foster parents or a parent or legal guardian receiving public assistance relating to that juvenile should not benefit from the continued receipt of payments or public assistance from any state or federal agency while the juvenile is detained. The department of health and welfare is directed to promulgate a rule implementing this intent.
- (3) All child support orders shall notify the obligor that the order will be enforced by income withholding pursuant to chapter 12, title 32, Idaho Code.
- (4) Failure to include these provisions does not affect the validity of the support order or decree. The court shall require that the social security numbers of both the obligor and obligee be included in the order or decree.

SECTION 8. That Section 32-1301, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 32-1301. CITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ENACT AND ENFORCE ORDINANCES FOR FAILURE TO SUPERVISE A CHILD. (1) Any county or city may by ordinance establish and enforce the offense of failure to supervise a child as provided in this section.
- (2) The ordinance may provide that a person who is the parent, lawful guardian with legal and physical custody or other person, except a foster parent, lawfully charged with the care or custody of a child under sixteen (16) years of age commits the offense of failure to supervise a child if the child:
 - (a) Commits an act bringing the child within the purview of the juvenile corrections act, chapter 5, title 20, Idaho Code, or commits a crime for which the child is required to be tried as an adult, or for which jurisdiction under the juvenile corrections act is subject to waiver pursuant to chapter 5, title 20, Idaho Code; or
 - (b) Fails to attend school or is not comparably instructed, as provided in section 33-202, Idaho Code; or
 - (c) Violates a curfew law of the county or city enacting the ordinance authorized under this section.
 - (3) (a) A person shall not be subject to prosecution under an ordinance containing the provisions of subsection (2)(a) of this section if the person:
 - (i) Is the victim of the act bringing the child within the purview of the provisions of chapter 5, title 20, Idaho Code; or
 - (ii) Reported the act of the child to the local law enforcement agency, the juvenile court, the department of health and welfare or other appropriate authority as provided in the ordinance;
 - (b) A person shall not be subject to prosecution under an ordinance containing the provisions of subsection (2)(a), (b) or (c) of this section if the person shows to the satisfaction of the court that the person took reasonable steps to control the conduct of the child at the time the person is alleged to have failed to supervise the child.
- (4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the ordinance may provide that in a prosecution for failure to supervise a child the court may order the person to pay restitution to or make whole any victim who suffers an economic loss as a result of the juvenile's conduct in accordance with the standards and requirements of sections 19-5304 and 19-5305, Idaho Code, provided that the restitution ordered to be paid shall not exceed twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500).
- (5) The ordinance may provide that when a child commits any of the acts set forth in subsection (2) of this section, the parent, lawful guardian with legal and physical custody or other person lawfully charged with the care or custody of the child may be charged, by citation or summons, with the offense of failure to supervise a child, unless the person with lawful custody is a foster parent. Upon a first offense, the officer may serve a copy of the ordinance upon the parent, lawful guardian with legal and physical custody or other person, other than a foster parent, as a warning of the penalties. This service shall be documented by the officer.

- (6) An ordinance enacted pursuant to this section shall provide that if a person is found guilty or pleads guilty to the offense of failure to supervise a child, the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). The ordinance may provide that, in lieu of imposing a fine, the court, with the consent of the person, may order the person to complete parenting classes or undertake other treatment or counseling, as approved by the court, and upon the person's completion of the classes, treatment or counseling to the satisfaction of the court, the court may discharge the person or if the person fails to complete the program to the satisfaction of the court, the court may impose the penalty provided in this section. The ordinance may provide that any person violating the orders of the court entered under the ordinance shall be subject to contempt proceedings in accordance with chapter 6, title 7, Idaho Code, in addition to any other penalties authorized pursuant to this section.
- (7) The ordinance may provide that the juvenile court has jurisdiction over a first offense of failing to supervise a child and that any subsequent offense shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the magistrate's division of the district court, or may provide that any offense of failing to supervise the child shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court or to the jurisdiction of the magistrate's division of the district court.
- (8) Conviction of a person under an ordinance enacted under the authority of this section shall not preclude any other action or proceedings against the person which may be undertaken pursuant to the provisions of chapter 5, title 20, Idaho Code, or other provisions of law.

SECTION 9. That Section 33-1406, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

33-1406. BILLS OF TUITION. Bills of tuition for nonresident pupils shall be rendered by each creditor district and for nonresident pupils attending any school of the creditor district under the provisions of section 33-1403 or 33-1404, Idaho Code, the bill of tuition shall be submitted to the home district of such pupils. In all other cases, the creditor district may submit to the parent or guardian of any nonresident pupil attending school in its district a bill of tuition of such pupil, and such parent or guardian shall be liable for the payment of said tuition, if so billed. Tuition reimbursement for nonresident pupils who are placed by court order under provisions of the Idaho juvenile corrections or child protective acts may be obtained by the creditor district through procedures established in section 33-1002, Idaho Code, for nonresident tuition-equivalency allowance.

Each bill of tuition submitted to a home district shall show the serial number of the tuition certificate last issued to the creditor district by the state department of education and shall show also the number of pupils for whom tuition is charged, which charge shall be as shown by the said tuition certificate.

Bills of tuition, if submitted other than annually, shall be apportioned according to the number of school months for which any such bill is applicable. A fraction of a school month shall be deemed a school month.

SECTION 10. That Section 39-2611, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

39-2611. LIABILITY OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. The parents, guardians or other persons having custody or control of a minor shall be liable for damage caused by the use of fireworks by the minor.

SECTION 11. That Section 39-7504, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

39-7504. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF ESTATE. The compact administrator shall take appropriate action pursuant to existing law to effect the recovery from relevant parents or guardians of estate, at the option of said administrator, of any and all costs expended by the state, or any of its subdivisions, with respect to Idaho children handled under said compact.

SECTION 12. That Section 48-702, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

48-702. LIABILITY FOR ACTS OF MINORS. The parent or legal guardian, having legal custody, of a minor who knowingly removes merchandise from a merchant's premises without paying therefor, or knowingly conceals merchandise to avoid paying therefor, or knowingly commits retail theft, shall be civilly liable to the merchant for the retail value of the merchandise, plus damages of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), costs of suit and reasonable attorney's' fees. Recovery under this section is not limited by any other provision of law which limits the liability of a parent or legal guardian for the tortious conduct of a minor. The liability of parents or legal guardian and of the minor under this chapter is joint and several.

A parent or guardian not having legal custody of a minor shall not be liable for the conduct of the minor proscribed by this act.