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## CHAPTER 3

## ABORTION; CONCEALMENT OF BIRTH

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**§ 51. Penalty; attempts**

Whoever administers to any woman pregnant with child, whether such child is quick or not, any medicine, drug or other substance, or uses any instrument or other means, unless the same was done as necessary for the preservation of the mother's life, shall be punished, if done with intent to destroy such child and thereby it was destroyed before birth, by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and by imprisonment for not more than 5 years; but if done with intent to procure the miscarriage of such woman, by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and by imprisonment for less than one year, and any person consenting and aiding or assisting shall be liable to like punishment.

R.S.1954, c. 134, § 9.

**§ 52. Mother's concealment of death of illegitimate issue**

If a woman is willingly delivered in secret of the issue of her body, which would be a bastard if born alive, and conceals the death thereof so that it is not known whether it was born dead, or alive and was murdered, she shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 3 years. She may be charged with such offense and with the murder of such child in the same indictment, and convicted and punished for either, according to the verdict.

R.S.1954, c. 134, § 10.

**§ 53. Contraceptives; miscellaneous information for females**

Whoever publishes, sells or distributes by hand or otherwise any circular, pamphlet or book containing recipes or prescriptions for the cure of chronic female complaints or private diseases, or recipes or prescriptions for drops, pills, tinctures or other compound designed to prevent conception or tending to produce miscarriage or abortion shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months.

R.S.1954, c. 134, § 11.