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§ 2551. Definition

Whoever unlawfully kills a human being in the heat of passion, on sudden provocation, without express or implied malice aforethought, or, being under the legal duty to care and provide for any child or other person, willfully fails or neglects to provide for such child or other person necessary food, clothing, treatment for the sick or other necessaries of life, thereby causing or hastening the death of such child or other person, or commits manslaughter as defined by the common law, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 20 years, except that if there is a violation of Title 29, sections 1315 or 1316, no prosecution for manslaughter shall lie.

R.S.1954, c. 130, § 8; 1961, c. 262, § 3.

§ 2552. Negligence in handling steam boilers or boats

Whoever, having charge of a steamboat used for conveyance of passengers or of the boiler or other apparatus for generating steam therein, through ignorance, gross neglect or for the purpose of racing, creates or allows to be generated such a quantity of steam as to break such boiler, apparatus or machinery connected therewith, or whoever intentionally loads or obstructs or causes to be loaded or obstructed in any way the safety valve of the boiler, or employs any other means or device whereby the boiler may be subjected to a greater pressure than the amount allowed by the inspector's certificate, or intentionally deranges or hinders the operation of any machinery or device employed to denote the stage of the water or steam in any boiler or to give warning of approaching danger, or intentionally permits the water to fall below the prescribed low-water line of the boiler, or is directly or indirectly concerned therein, and thereby human life is destroyed, is guilty of manslaughter and shall be punished accordingly. If human life is thereby endangered and not destroyed he shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 5 years.

R.S.1954, c. 130, § 9.