

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26569

This amendment seeks to add the felony conviction for Idaho Code § 18-1508A, Sexual Battery of a Minor Child Sixteen or Seventeen Years of Age to Idaho Code § 18-310 which lists all felony crimes that disqualify a convicted felon from owning a firearm. Currently, I. C. § 18-1508A is not included on the list, while other similar felony crimes such as I.C. §§ 18-1506 Sexual Abuse of a Child under Sixteen, 18-1507 Sexual Exploitation of a Child, and 18-1508 Lewd Conduct with a Minor Child under Sixteen are all listed as prohibitions to possession. It appears that I.C. § 18-1508A was inadvertently left off the list of qualifying felony crimes in previous amendments that included other sexual battery felonies. Legislative research does not reveal any reason that previous sessions of the legislature would have failed to add I.C. § 18-1508A and given its serious nature, which includes registration on the Sex Offender Registry, I.C. § 18-1508A should be included among other similar codes to prevent a person with this felony conviction from possessing a firearm in Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation has no fiscal impact to the general fund, other state funds, or to any local government budgets. It has no fiscal impact because it merely adds an additional statute to the established list of reasons one's civil rights are suspended and does not require state or local entities to take any additional steps or administrative costs.

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