

**600A.10 Termination procedures — prohibited practices — penalty for violation.**

1. Any biological parent who chooses to identify the other biological parent and who knowingly and intentionally identifies a person who is not the other biological parent in the written release of custody or in any other document related to the termination of parental rights proceedings is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

2. Any person who signs or accepts a release of custody under [section 600A.4](#) prior to the expiration of the seventy-two-hour period required is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

3. *a.* All of the following are prohibited practices regarding a proceeding under [this chapter](#):

(1) The provision of termination of parental rights, child placement, or adoption services to any biological or adoptive parent by any person other than an adoption service provider or the department.

(2) The charging of a fee by an adoption service provider that is more than the usual and necessary fee commensurate with the services rendered.

(3) The facilitation, encouragement, or advisement of adoptive parents by an adoption service provider to provide any thing of value beyond those expenditures allowed pursuant to [section 600A.6C](#).

(4) The knowing encouragement or solicitation of payment of allowable expenses or provision of anything of value beyond those expenditures allowed pursuant to [section 600A.6C](#), by a person falsely representing that a child may be available for adoption with the intent to defraud the other person.

*b.* A person who commits a prohibited practice under [this subsection](#) is guilty of a serious misdemeanor for the first violation and a class “C” felony for any second or subsequent violation.

[94 Acts, ch 1174, §21, 22; 2017 Acts, ch 113, §23](#)

Similar provisions, see §600.9A, 714.8(21)

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