

**PENALTIES FOR PROVIDING FALSE OR
MISLEADING INFORMATION IN COURT**

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides a class B misdemeanor penalty for individuals providing false or misleading information to an officer of the court.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides a class B misdemeanor penalty for persons, not under oath or affirmation, intentionally or knowingly providing false or misleading statements to officers of the court; and
- ▶ includes a definition of "officer of the court."

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

76-8-504.6, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **76-8-504.6** is enacted to read:

76-8-504.6. False or misleading information.

(1) A person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if the person, not under oath or affirmation, intentionally or knowingly gives false or misleading material information to an

officer of the court for the purpose of influencing a criminal proceeding.

(2) For the purposes of this section "officer of the court" means:

(a) prosecutor;

(b) judge;

(c) court clerk;

(d) interpreter;

(e) presentence investigator;

(f) probation officer;

(g) parole officer; and

(h) any other person reasonably believed to be gathering information for a criminal proceeding.

(3) This section does not apply under circumstances amounting to Section 76-8-306 or any other provision of this code carrying a greater penalty.