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**76-8-1301 False statement to obtain or increase unemployment compensation.**

- (1) Terms defined in Sections 76-1-101.5 and 76-8-101 apply to this section.
- (2) An actor commits false statement to obtain or increase unemployment compensation if the actor, to obtain or increase a benefit or other payment under Title 35A, Chapter 4, Employment Security Act, or under the Unemployment Compensation Law of any state or of the federal government:
  - (a) makes a false statement or representation, knowing the representation is false; or
  - (b) knowingly fails to disclose a material fact.
- (3)
  - (a) A violation of Subsection (2) is:
    - (i) a class B misdemeanor if the value of the money obtained or sought to be obtained is less than \$500;
    - (ii) a class A misdemeanor if the value of the money obtained or sought to be obtained is or exceeds \$500 but is less than \$1,500;
    - (iii) a third degree felony if the value of the money obtained or sought to be obtained is or exceeds \$1,500 but is less than \$5,000; or
    - (iv) a second degree felony if the value of the money obtained or sought to be obtained is or exceeds \$5,000.
  - (b) The determination of the degree of an offense under Subsection (3)(a) is measured by the total value of all money obtained or sought to be obtained by the unlawful conduct.

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