

1 **FALSE STATEMENTS AT PRELIMINARY**
2 **EXAMINATIONS**

3 1999 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: A. Lamont Tyler**

6 AN ACT RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE OFFENSE OF
7 PROVIDING A FALSE STATEMENT THAT MAY BE USED IN A PRELIMINARY
8 HEARING; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY.

9 This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

10 ENACTS:

11 **76-8-504.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

13 Section 1. Section **76-8-504.5** is enacted to read:

14 **76-8-504.5. False statements -- Preliminary hearing.**

15 (1) A person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if the person makes a false statement:

16 (a) which the person does not believe to be true; and

17 (b) prior to making the statement the person is notified either verbally or in writing that:

18 (i) the statement may be used in a preliminary hearing before a magistrate or a judge; and

19 (ii) if the person makes a false statement after having received this notification, he is

20 subject to a criminal penalty.

21 (2) Notification under Subsection (1) is sufficient if it is verbal or written and is in
22 substantially the following form: "You are notified that statements you are about to make may be
23 presented to a magistrate or a judge in lieu of your sworn testimony at a preliminary examination.
24 Any false statement you make and that you do not believe to be true may subject you to criminal
25 punishment as a class B misdemeanor."

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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