

**PENALTY FOR PROVIDING FALSE
INFORMATION TO STATE AGENCY**

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Criminal Code by providing certain penalties for providing false information to state or local government agencies.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► provides that knowingly giving false information to a state or local government agency or personnel with the intent to imply that another person has committed an offense or to induce a change in a person's licensing or certification status is a class B misdemeanor.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

76-8-506, as last amended by Chapter 282, Laws of Utah 1998

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

Section 1. Section **76-8-506** is amended to read:

76-8-506. Providing false information to law enforcement officers, government agencies, or specified professionals.

A person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if he:

(1) knowingly gives or causes to be given false information to any peace officer or any state or local government agency or personnel with a purpose of inducing the [~~officer~~] recipient of the information to believe that another has committed an offense; [~~or~~]

(2) knowingly gives or causes to be given to any peace officer, any state or local government agency or personnel, or to any person licensed in this state to practice social work, psychology, or marriage and family therapy, information concerning the commission of an offense, knowing that the offense did not occur or knowing that he has no information relating to the offense or danger[-]; or

(3) knowingly gives or causes to be given false information to any state or local government agency or personnel with a purpose of inducing a change in the person's licensing or certification status or the licensing or certification status of another.