

**FALSE VEHICLE TITLE AND  
REGISTRATION PENALTIES**

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Motor Vehicle Act by amending provisions relating to the penalty for false evidences of motor vehicle title and registration information.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► provides that it is a third degree felony, rather than a second degree felony, for providing false evidences for certain motor vehicle title or registration information.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**41-1a-1315**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1992, Chapter 1

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

Section 1. Section **41-1a-1315** is amended to read:

**41-1a-1315. Third degree felony -- False evidences of title and registration.**

It is a [~~second~~] third degree felony for a person with respect to a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer to:

(1) fraudulently use a false or fictitious name in an application for registration, a

30 certificate of title, or for a duplicate certificate of title;

31 (2) knowingly make a false statement or knowingly conceal a material fact in an  
32 application under this chapter;

33 (3) otherwise commit a fraud in an application under this chapter;

34 (4) alter with fraudulent intent a certificate of title, registration card, license plate, or  
35 permit issued by the division;

36 (5) forge or counterfeit a document or license plate purporting to have been issued by  
37 the division;

38 (6) alter, falsify, or forge an assignment upon a certificate of title;

39 (7) hold or use a document or license plate under this chapter knowing it has been  
40 altered, forged, or falsified; [~~and~~] or

41 (8) file an application for a certificate of title providing false lien information, when  
42 the person named on the application as lienholder does not hold a valid security interest.