

**PENALTY FOR FALSE STATEMENT DURING DRUG**

**ARREST**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ken Ivory**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies offenses related to giving false information to a law enforcement officer.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ makes it a crime for an actor arrested for a crime to falsely claim the actor ingested drugs before the arrest; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a coordination clause.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**76-8-506**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 92

**Utah Code Sections Affected by Coordination Clause:**

**78-8-506, Utah Code Annotated 1953**

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



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

29 **76-8-506. Providing false information to law enforcement officers, government**  
30 **agencies, or specified professionals.**

31 ~~[A person]~~ An actor is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if ~~[he]~~:

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

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

40 (3) the actor knowingly gives or causes to be given false information to ~~[any]~~ a state or  
41 local government agency or personnel with a purpose of inducing a change in the ~~[person's]~~  
42 actor's licensing or certification status or the licensing or certification status of another person;  
43 or

44 (4) (a) at the time of the actor's arrest for an offense, the actor states to a law  
45 enforcement officer that the actor ingested drugs before the actor's arrest;

46 (b) the law enforcement officer, based on the actor's statement described in Subsection  
47 (4)(a), takes the actor to a health care facility for medical treatment; and

48 (c) a medical examination of the actor demonstrates that the actor's statement described  
49 in Subsection (4)(a) was false.

50 Section 2. **Effective date.**

51 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.

52 Section 3. **Coordinating H.B. 211 with H.B. 15 -- Substantive technical**  
53 **amendment.**

54 If this H.B. 211 and H.B. 15, Criminal Code Recodification and Cross References, both  
55 pass and become law, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of Legislative Research  
56 and General Counsel prepare the Utah Code database for publication by amending Section  
57 76-8-506 to read:

58 "76-8-506. Providing false information to a law enforcement officer, government

59 **agency, or specified professional.**

60 ~~[A person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if he:]~~

61 (1) Terms defined in Sections 76-1-101.5, 76-8-101, and 76-8-501 apply to this  
62 section.

63 ~~[(+)]~~ (2) An actor commits providing false information to a law enforcement officer,  
64 government agency, or specified professional if:

65 (a) the actor knowingly gives or causes to be given:

66 (i) false information to [any] a peace officer or [any] state or local government agency  
67 or personnel with a purpose of inducing the recipient of the information to believe that another  
68 person has committed an offense;

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

75 ~~[(3) knowingly gives or causes to be given]~~ (iii) false information to [any] a state or  
76 local government agency or personnel with a purpose of inducing a change in the [person's]  
77 actor's licensing or certification status or the licensing or certification status of another[-]  
78 person; or

79 (b) (i) at the time of the actor's arrest for an offense, the actor states to a law  
80 enforcement officer that the actor ingested drugs before the actor's arrest;

81 (ii) the law enforcement officer, based on the actor's statement described in Subsection  
82 (2)(b)(i), takes the actor to a health care facility for medical treatment; and

83 (iii) a medical examination of the actor demonstrates that the actor's statement  
84 described in Subsection (2)(b)(i) was false.

85 (3) A violation of Subsection (2) is a class B misdemeanor."