

SENATE, No. 354

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senators CODEY and ADLER

1 AN ACT concerning tampering with public records and amending
2 N.J.S.2C:28-7.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. N.J.S. 2C:28-7 is amended to read as follows:

8 2C:28-7. Tampering with public records or information.

9 a. Offense defined. A person commits an offense if he:

10 (1) Knowingly makes a false entry in, or false alteration of, any
11 record, document or thing belonging to, or received or kept by, the
12 government for information or record, or required by law to be kept
13 by others for information of the government;

14 (2) Makes, presents, offers for filing, or uses any record, document
15 or thing knowing it to be false, and with purpose that it be taken as a
16 genuine part of information or records referred to in paragraph (1); or

17 (3) Purposely and unlawfully destroys, conceals, removes,
18 mutilates, or otherwise impairs the verity or availability of any such
19 record, document or thing.

20 b. Grading. An offense under this section is a disorderly persons
21 offense unless the actor's purpose is to defraud or injure anyone or the
22 actor is a public servant, in which case the offense is a crime of the
23 third degree.

24 (cf: P.L.1978, c.95, s.2C:28-7)

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill provides that a public servant who knowingly makes a false
32 entry or false alteration on any document required by law to be kept

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 by the government or by others for the government or makes, presents
2 or uses any record knowing that those records are false with the
3 purpose that those records be taken as genuine would be guilty of a
4 crime of the third degree. A crime of the third degree is punishable by
5 a term of imprisonment of three to five years, a fine of up to \$7,500 or
6 both.

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11 Upgrades tampering with public records under certain circumstances.