

Sec. 8. The legislative council shall create an interim study committee to review the problem of runaways. The interim study committee shall be composed of legislative members and shall make its report to the legislative council and general assembly meeting in January, 1988.

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CHAPTER 150

FORGERY AND SIMILAR FRAUDS

H.F. 574

AN ACT relating to the crime of forgery and related fraudulent* criminal acts, and providing penalties.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. **NEW SECTION. 715A.1 DEFINITIONS.**

1. As used in this chapter the term "writing" includes printing or any other method of recording information, and includes money, coins, tokens, stamps, seals, credit cards, badges, trademarks, and other symbols of value, right, privilege, or identification.

2. As used in this chapter the term "credit card" means a writing purporting to evidence an undertaking to pay for property or services delivered or rendered to or upon the order of a designated person or bearer and includes a debit card or access device used to engage in an electronic transfer of funds through a satellite terminal as defined in section 527.2, subsection 1.

Sec. 2. **NEW SECTION. 715A.2 FORGERY.**

1. A person is guilty of forgery if, with intent to defraud or injure anyone, or with knowledge that the person is facilitating a fraud or injury to be perpetrated by anyone, the person does any of the following:

a. Alters a writing of another without the other's permission.

b. Makes, completes, executes, authenticates, issues, or transfers a writing so that it purports to be the act of another who did not authorize that act, or so that it purports to have been executed at a time or place or in a numbered sequence other than was in fact the case, or so that it purports to be a copy of an original when no such original existed.

c. Utters a writing which the person knows to be forged in a manner specified in paragraph "a" or "b".

2. a. Forgery is a class "D" felony if the writing is or purports to be part of an issue of money, securities, postage or revenue stamps, or other instruments issued by the government, or part of an issue of stock, bonds, or other instruments representing interests in or claims against any property or enterprise, or a check, draft, or other writing which ostensibly evidences an obligation of the person who has purportedly executed it or authorized its execution.

b. Forgery is an aggravated misdemeanor if the writing is or purports to be a will, deed, contract, release, commercial instrument, or any other writing or other document evidencing, creating, transferring, altering, terminating, or otherwise affecting legal relations.

Sec. 3. **NEW SECTION. 715A.3 SIMULATING OBJECTS OF ANTIQUITY OR RARITY.**

A person commits a serious misdemeanor if, with intent to defraud anyone or with knowledge that the person is facilitating a fraud to be perpetrated by anyone, the person makes, alters, or utters any object so that it appears to have value because of antiquity, rarity, source, or authorship which it does not possess.

*According to enrolled Act

Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 715A.4 FRAUDULENT DESTRUCTION, REMOVAL, OR CONCEALMENT OF RECORDABLE INSTRUMENTS.

A person commits an aggravated misdemeanor if, with the intent to deceive or injure anyone, the person destroys, removes, or conceals a will, deed, mortgage, security instrument, or other writing for which the law provides public recording.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 715A.5 TAMPERING WITH RECORDS.

A person commits an aggravated misdemeanor if, knowing that the person has no privilege to do so, the person falsifies, destroys, removes, or conceals a writing or record, with the intent to deceive or injure anyone or to conceal any wrongdoing.

Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 715A.6 CREDIT CARDS.

1. A person commits a public offense by using a credit card for the purpose of obtaining property or services with knowledge of any of the following:

- a. The credit card is stolen or forged.
- b. The credit card has been revoked or canceled.
- c. For any other reason the use of the credit card is unauthorized.

It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under paragraph "c" if the person proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the person had the intent and ability to meet all obligations to the issuer arising out of the use of the credit card.

2. An offense under this section is a class "D" felony if the value of the property or services secured or sought to be secured by means of the credit card is greater than five hundred dollars, otherwise the offense is an aggravated misdemeanor.

Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 715A.7 FILING MULTIPLE COUNTS IN ONE INFORMATION, INDICTMENT, OR COMPLAINT.

A single information, indictment, or complaint charging false use of a financial instrument may allege more than one such violation against a person. The multiple charges shall be set out in separate counts, and the accused person shall be acquitted or convicted upon each count by a separate verdict. A convicted person shall be sentenced upon each verdict of guilty. The court may consider separate verdicts of guilty returned at the same time as one offense for the purpose of sentencing.

Sec. 8. Chapter 715, Code 1987, is repealed.

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CHAPTER 151

CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE PROCEEDINGS

H.F. 588

AN ACT relating to child in need of assistance proceedings.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 232.90, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

232.90 DUTIES OF COUNTY ATTORNEY.

The county attorney shall represent the state in all proceedings arising from a petition filed under this division and shall present evidence in support of the petition. The county attorney shall be present at proceedings initiated by petition under this division filed by an intake officer or the county attorney, or if a party to the proceedings contests the proceedings, or if the court determines there is a conflict of interest between the child and the child's parent, guardian, or custodian or if there are contested issues before the court.

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