

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".
- d. Possesses 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 any of the following:

- (1) Part of an issue of money, securities, postage or revenue stamps, or other instruments issued by the government.
- (2) Part of an issue of stock, bonds, credit-sale contracts as defined in [section 203.1](#), or other instruments representing interests in or claims against any property or enterprise.
- (3) A check, draft, or other writing which ostensibly evidences an obligation of the person who has purportedly executed it or authorized its execution.
- (4) A document prescribed by statute, rule, or regulation for entry into or as evidence of authorized stay or employment in the United States.

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.

[87 Acts, ch 150, §2](#); [92 Acts, ch 1239, §80](#); [96 Acts, ch 1181, §2, 3](#)

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