

CHAPTER 1037

CONFIDENTIALITY OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS – OWNERS OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

S.F. 2127

AN ACT relating to the confidentiality of social security numbers of the owners of unclaimed property.

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

Section 1. Section 22.7, Code Supplement 1995, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 33. Social security numbers of the owners of unclaimed property reported to the treasurer of state pursuant to section 556.11, subsection 2, included on claim forms filed with the treasurer of state pursuant to section 556.19, included in outdated warrant reports received by the treasurer of state pursuant to section 25.2, or stored in record systems maintained by the treasurer of state for purposes of administering chapter 556, or social security numbers of payees included on state warrants included in records systems maintained by the department of revenue and finance for the purpose of documenting and tracking outdated warrants pursuant to section 25.2.

Approved April 2, 1996

CHAPTER 1038

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY – OUTDATED WARRANT RECOVERY – FRAUDULENT PRACTICES

S.F. 2122

AN ACT relating to unclaimed property held by the state, fraudulent practices to obtain the property, and establishing a penalty.

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

Section 1. Section 25.2, Code Supplement 1995, is amended to read as follows:

25.2 EXAMINATION OF REPORT – APPROVAL OR REJECTION – PAYMENT.

The state appeal board with the recommendation of the special assistant attorney general for claims may approve or reject claims against the state of less than ten years covering the following: outdated warrants; outdated sales and use tax refunds; license refunds; additional agricultural land tax credits; outdated invoices; fuel and gas tax refunds; outdated homestead and veterans' exemptions; outdated funeral service claims; tractor fees; registration permits; outdated bills for merchandise; services furnished to the state; claims by any county or county official relating to the personal property tax credit; and refunds of fees collected by the state. Payments authorized by the state appeal board shall be paid from the appropriation or fund of original certification of the claim. However, if that appropriation or fund has since reverted under section 8.33 then such payment authorized by the state appeal board shall be out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the director of revenue and finance may reissue outdated warrants. On or before November 1 of each year, the director of revenue and finance shall provide the treasurer of state with a report of all unpaid warrants which have been outdated for two years or more. The treasurer shall include

information regarding outdated warrants in the notice published pursuant to section 556.12. ~~The provisions of section 556.11 regarding agreements to pay compensation for recovery or assistance in recovery of unclaimed property are applicable to agreements to pay compensation to recover or assist in the recovery of outdated warrants. An agreement to pay compensation to recover or assist in the recovery of an outdated warrant made within twenty-four months after the date the warrant becomes outdated is unenforceable. However, an agreement made after twenty-four months from the date the warrant becomes outdated is valid if the fee or compensation agreed upon is not more than fifteen percent of the recoverable property, the agreement is in writing and signed by the payee, and the writing discloses the nature and value of the property and the name and address of the person in possession. This section does not apply to a payee who has a bona fide fee contract with a practicing attorney regulated under chapter 602, article 10.~~

Sec. 2. Section 714.8, Code 1995, is amended by adding the following new subsection:
NEW SUBSECTION. 16. Knowingly provides false information to the treasurer of state when claiming, pursuant to section 556.19, an interest in unclaimed property held by the state, or knowingly provides false information to a person or fails to disclose the nature, value, and location of unclaimed property prior to entering into a contract to receive compensation to recover or assist in the recovery of property reported as unclaimed pursuant to section 556.11.

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CHAPTER 1039

FALSE ACADEMIC RECORDS

S.F. 2331

AN ACT prohibiting certain uses and false representations relating to academic degrees, grades, or honors, and providing a penalty.

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

Section 1. **NEW SECTION.** 715A.6A PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO FALSE ACADEMIC DEGREES, GRADES, OR HONORS.

1. As used in this section, "academic degree" means a diploma, certificate, license, transcript, or other document which signifies or purports to signify completion of the academic requirements of a secondary, postsecondary, professional, or governmental program of study.

2. A person commits a serious misdemeanor if the person, knowingly and willingly, does any of the following:

- a. Falsely makes or alters, procures to be falsely made or altered, or assists in falsely making or altering, an academic degree.
- b. Uses, offers, or presents as genuine, a falsely made or altered academic degree.
- c. Sells, gives, purchases, or obtains, procures to be sold, given, purchased, or obtained, or assists in selling, giving, buying, or obtaining, a false academic degree.
- d. Makes a false written representation relating to the person's academic grades, honors, or awards, or makes a false written representation that the person has received an academic degree from a specific secondary, postsecondary, professional institution, or governmental program of study, in an application for any of the following: