

HB 2037 -- Obstruction of Justice

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This bill creates the crime of obstruction of justice when a person, with the intent to prevent the apprehension or obstruct the prosecution or defense of any person, knowingly:

(1) Destroys, alters, conceals, or disguises physical evidence; plants false evidence; or furnishes false information;

(2) Induces a witness with information on the subject at issue to leave the state or conceal himself or herself; or

(3) Possesses information on the subject at issue and leaves the state or conceals himself or herself.

Anyone committing the crime will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor unless the person obstructs the prosecution or defense of a felony in which case he or she will be guilty of a class D felony.