

HB 2103 -- PROTECTIONS AGAINST DOCUMENT FRAUD

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This bill requires each county recorder to display a sign warning about the offense of filing false documents and the penalties associated with that offense in the recorder's office.

The bill also prohibits any modification of size, text, or images of any document submitted to a recorder of deeds for electronic recording.

This bill increases the fine imposed on a vendor or manufacturer who fails to comply with laws governing the selling or manufacturing of notary seals from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for each violation.

Currently, the offense of filing false documents is a class D felony for the first offense and a class C felony for certain circumstances outlined in the bill. This bill changes the offense to a class C felony for the first offense and a class B felony for such circumstances.

The bill allows an owner of interest in real property that is subject to a filing or record that is believed to be fraudulent to petition for judicial review of the filing or record.

This bill increases the penalty for a variety of crimes associated with notarial acts from a class A misdemeanor to a class E felony.