

HCS HB 2103 -- PROTECTIONS AGAINST DOCUMENT FRAUD (Amato)

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Institutions

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.

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.