

(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A GOOD FAITH REASONABLE NOTICE OF DISHONOR AND WARNING OF CRIMINAL PROSECUTION UNDER TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS ARTICLE GIVEN BY A HOLDER OF AN INSTRUMENT TO THE MAKER OF THE INSTRUMENT.

(B) PROHIBITED.

A PERSON, WITH THE INTENT TO EXTORT OR GAIN MONEY, PROPERTY, OR ANYTHING OF VALUE FROM ANOTHER, MAY NOT KNOWINGLY SEND OR DELIVER, OR MAKE FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING SENT OR DELIVERED AND PART WITH THE POSSESSION OF, A WRITING THREATENING TO:

(1) ACCUSE ANY PERSON OF A CRIME THAT MAY BE CHARGED BY INDICTMENT UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OR OF ANYTHING THAT, IF TRUE, WOULD BRING THE PERSON INTO CONTEMPT OR DISREPUTE; OR

(2) INJURE THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OF ANYONE.

(C) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN 2 YEARS AND NOT EXCEEDING 10 YEARS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 561.

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the phrase "whether or not the writing is signed" is substituted for the former phrase "with or without a name subscribed thereto" for clarity and consistency with similar language used in § 3-708(a)(4) of this subtitle.

Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to a "letter" is deleted as included in the reference to a "writing".

Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to a writing signed with any "letter" is deleted as included in the reference to a writing signed with any other "mark or designation".

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to the maker "of the instrument" is added for clarity.

In the introductory language of subsection (b) of this section, the reference to extorting property "from another" is added for clarity.

Also in the introductory language of subsection (b) of this section, the reference to extorting "money, property, or anything of value" is substituted for the former reference to extorting "money, goods or chattels or other valuable thing" for brevity.

Also in the introductory language of subsection (b) of this section, the former phrase "[e]xcept as provided in subsection (b) of this section", is deleted as unnecessary in light of subsection (a)(2) of this section.