

8-521. FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINING LEGAL REPRESENTATION FROM PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE.

(A) PROHIBITED.

A PERSON MAY NOT OBTAIN OR ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN LEGAL REPRESENTATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER BY WILLFULLY AND KNOWINGLY:

- (1) MAKING A FALSE REPRESENTATION OR FALSE STATEMENT;
- (2) FAILING TO DISCLOSE THE PERSON'S TRUE FINANCIAL CONDITION;

OR

- (3) USING ANY OTHER FRAUDULENT MEANS.

(B) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 214B.

In the introductory language of subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to "falsely" is deleted as implicit in the references to "making a false representation or false statement" and "using any other fraudulent means".

In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the phrase "using any other fraudulent means" is substituted for the former phrase "in any other fraudulent manner" for clarity.

In subsection (b) of this section, the former phrase "in the discretion of the court" is deleted as implicit in the establishment of maximum penalties.

Defined term: "Person" § 1-101

8-522. USE OF SIMULATED DOCUMENTS TO INDUCE PAYMENT.

(A) SCOPE OF SECTION.

THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A SIMULATED DOCUMENT EVEN IF THE DOCUMENT CONTAINS A STATEMENT THAT IT IS NOT LEGAL PROCESS OR A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT.

(B) PROHIBITED.

(1) A PERSON MAY NOT USE, SELL, OR SEND OR DELIVER TO ANOTHER, WITH THE INTENT TO INDUCE THE PAYMENT OF A CLAIM, A DOCUMENT THAT:

(I) SIMULATES A SUMMONS, COMPLAINT, OR OTHER COURT PROCESS OF ANY KIND; OR