

forging, altering or counterfeiting any deed, TITLE TO MOTOR VEHICLE, document or affidavit of waiver or release of mechanics' lien, will, testament or codicil, power of attorney, bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, endorsement or assignment of any bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, acquittance or receipt for money or property, or any acquisition or receipt either for money or for property, or any entries in a book of account or ledger, with intention to defraud any person whomsoever, shall be deemed a felon, and upon conviction, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 10 years or fined not more than \$1,000 or both.

(b) Any person who shall utter or publish as true any false, forged, altered or counterfeited deed, TITLE TO MOTOR VEHICLE, will, testament or codicil, power of attorney, bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, or endorsement, or assignment of any bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, acquittance or receipt for money or property, or shall utter or publish as true, with intention to defraud any person whomsoever any false document of waiver or release of mechanics' lien, or any entries in a book of account or ledger, shall be deemed a felon, and on being convicted thereof shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not more than 10 years or fined not more than \$1,000, or both.

(C) ANY PERSON WHO SHALL KNOWINGLY POSSESS, WITH UNLAWFUL INTENT, ANY FORGED, COUNTERFEITED, OR ALTERED TITLE TO A MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, SHALL BE SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 3 YEARS OR FINED NOT MORE THAN \$1,000 OR BOTH.

[(c)] (D) Any person who shall knowingly possess, with unlawful intent, or utter forged, counterfeit, or altered United States currency shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 3 years or fined not more than \$1,000 or both.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.

CHAPTER 144

(Senate Bill 56)

AN ACT concerning

**Real Property - ~~Deposits on New Homes~~ *New Homes and Custom Homes* -
Surety Bonds**

FOR the purpose of transferring the authority to hold certain surety bonds from the Insurance Administration to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; authorizing the Department to approve of the form of certain surety