

§2708. Penalties

1. Intentional or knowing falsification. A person who intentionally or knowingly falsifies, provides false information, makes or alters any certificate or certified copy except as provided for in this Title commits a Class E crime.

[PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. K, §21 (AMD); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

1-A. Knowing possession, use. A person who knowingly possesses and uses a false or altered certificate or certified copy or knowingly possesses and uses as that person's own a certificate or certified copy pertaining to another person commits a Class E crime.

[PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. K, §22 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

1-B. Hindering state registrar investigation. A person who knowingly refuses to permit the state registrar to inspect vital records or hinders an investigation conducted by the state registrar pursuant to section 2709 commits a Class E crime.

[PL 2009, c. 601, §13 (NEW).]

2. General. A person may not:

A. Refuse to provide information required by this Title, violate a provision of this Title having to do with the registration of vital statistics or neglect or refuse to perform a duty imposed upon that person by this Title having to do with the registration of vital statistics. Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime; or [PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. K, §23 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

B. Violate paragraph A after having been previously convicted of violating this subsection. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime. Title 17-A, section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence. [PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. K, §23 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

Violation of this subsection is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A.

[PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. K, §23 (RPR); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

3. Disposition of dead body without permit. A person may not:

A. Knowingly transport or accept for transportation, interment or other disposition a dead body without an accompanying permit issued in accordance with this Title. Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime; or [PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. K, §24 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

B. Violate paragraph A after having been previously convicted of violating this subsection. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime. Title 17-A, section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence. [PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. K, §24 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

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