

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 205 [2005 Assembly Bill 127]

Falsifying Title Insurance Documents

Current law, unchanged by the Act, provides that it is a Class A misdemeanor to falsely make or alter a certified abstract of title to real estate with intent to defraud. 2005 Wisconsin Act 205 specifies that it also is a crime to falsely make or alter a title insurance commitment, a title insurance policy, or any other written evidence regarding the state of title to real estate with intent to defraud. The new crime is also a Class A misdemeanor which may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than nine months, or both.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: http://www.legis.state.wi.us/.