



## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 545

September 30, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives TOWNSEND, HEBL, HAHN, HINES, NASS, ALBERS, BIES, JESKEWITZ, OTT, VAN ROY, PETROWSKI, J. LEHMAN and HUNDERTMARK, cosponsored by Senators ROESSLER and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Insurance.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 943.38 (3) (f) of the statutes; **relating to:** falsifying title  
2     insurance documents and providing a penalty.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, no person may falsely make or alter a certified abstract of title to real estate with the intent to defraud another. A person who violates this prohibition may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned in the county jail for not more than nine months or both. This bill expands the scope of that prohibition so that it covers falsifying a title insurance commitment, a title insurance policy, or any other written evidence regarding the state of title to real estate.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3     **SECTION 1.** 943.38 (3) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

