

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 2: EXECUTIVE BRANCH

§ 26025. Penalties.

(a) A fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both, shall be imposed on:

(1) Any person who willfully and knowingly makes any false statement in a certificate, record, or report required by this Act, or in an application for an amendment thereof, or in an application for a certified copy of a vital record, or who willfully and knowingly supplies false information intending that such information be used in the preparation of any such report, record, or certificate, or amendment thereof; or

(2) Any person who, without lawful authority and with the intent to deceive, makes, counterfeits, alters, amends, or mutilates any certificate, record, or report required by this Act or a certified copy of such certificate, record, or report; or

(3) Any person who willfully and knowingly obtains, possesses, uses, sells, furnishes, or attempts to obtain, possess, use, sell, or furnish to another, for any purpose of deception, any certificate, record, or report required by this Act or certified copy thereof so made, counterfeited, altered, amended, or mutilated, or which is false in whole or in part, or which relates to the birth of another person, whether living or deceased; or

(4) Any employee of the Health and Vital Statistics Office or any office designated under Section 26004(b) who willfully and knowingly furnishes or processes a certificate of birth, or certified copy of a certificate of birth, with the knowledge or intention that it be used for the purposes of deception; or

(5) Any person who without lawful authority possesses any certificate, record, or report required by this Act or a copy or certified copy of such certificate, record, or report knowing same to have been stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained.

(b) A fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both, shall be imposed on:

(1) Any person who willfully and knowingly refuses to provide information required by this Act or regulations adopted hereunder; or

(2) Any person who willfully and knowingly transports or accepts for transportation, interment, or other disposition a dead body without an accompanying permit as provided in this Act; or

(3) Any person who permits inspection of, or discloses information contained in vital records or vital reports or copies or issues a copy of all or part of any such record or report without authorization by this Act or by order of the CNMI Superior Court; or

(4) Any person who willfully and knowingly neglects or violates any of the provisions of this Act or refuses to perform any of the duties imposed upon him or her by this Act.

Source: PL 15-50, § 27, modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission changed “Section 7(b)” in subsection (a)(4) above to “Section 26004(b)” pursuant to the authority granted by 1 CMC § 3806.