

**144.227 PENALTIES.**

Subdivision 1. **False statements.** A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a certificate, vital record, or report required to be filed under sections 144.211 to 144.214 or 144.216 to 144.227, or in an application for an amendment thereof, or in an application for a certified vital record or who supplies false information intending that the information be used in the preparation of a report, vital record, certificate, or amendment thereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. **Fraud.** A person who, without lawful authority and with the intent to deceive, willfully and knowingly makes, counterfeits, alters, obtains, possesses, uses, or sells a certificate, vital record, or report required to be filed under sections 144.211 to 144.227 or a certified certificate, vital record, or report, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. **Birth registration.** A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a registration required under section 144.215 or in an application for an amendment to such a registration or who intentionally supplies false information intending that the information be used in the preparation of a registration under section 144.215 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. This offense shall be prosecuted by the county attorney.

**History:** 1978 c 699 s 16; 1994 c 631 s 1,2; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 15 s 30; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 113