

**609.632 COUNTERFEITING OF CURRENCY.**

Subdivision 1. **Manufacturing; printing.** Whoever, with the intent to defraud, falsely makes, alters, prints, scans, images, or copies any United States postal money order, United States currency, Federal Reserve note, or other obligation or security of the United States so that it purports to be genuine or has different terms or provisions than that of the United States Postal Service or United States Treasury is guilty of counterfeiting and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 4.

Subd. 2. **Means for false reproduction.** Whoever, with intent to defraud, makes, engraves, possesses, or transfers a plate or instrument, computer, printer, camera, software, paper, cloth, fabric, ink, or other material for the false reproduction of any United States postal money order, United States currency, Federal Reserve note, or other obligation or security of the United States is guilty of counterfeiting and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 4.

Subd. 3. **Uttering or possessing.** Whoever, with intent to defraud, utters or possesses with intent to utter any counterfeit United States postal money order, United States currency, Federal Reserve note, or other obligation or security of the United States, having reason to know that the money order, currency, note, or obligation or security is forged, counterfeited, falsely made, altered, or printed, is guilty of offering counterfeited currency and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 4.

Subd. 4. **Penalty.** (a) A person who is convicted of violating subdivision 1 or 2 may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 20 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$100,000, or both.

(b) A person who is convicted of violating subdivision 3 may be sentenced as follows:

(1) to imprisonment for not more than 20 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$100,000, or both, if the counterfeited item is used to obtain or in an attempt to obtain property or services having a value of more than \$35,000, or the aggregate face value of the counterfeited item is more than \$35,000;

(2) to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both, if the counterfeited item is used to obtain or in an attempt to obtain property or services having a value of more than \$5,000, or the aggregate face value of the counterfeited item is more than \$5,000;

(3) to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both, if:

(i) the counterfeited item is used to obtain or in an attempt to obtain property or services having a value of more than \$1,000 or the aggregate face value of the counterfeited item is more than \$1,000; or

(ii) the counterfeited item is used to obtain or in an attempt to obtain property or services having a value of no more than \$1,000, or the aggregate face value of the counterfeited item is no more than \$1,000, and the person has been convicted within the preceding five years for an offense under this section, section 609.24; 609.245; 609.247; 609.52; 609.53; 609.582, subdivision 1, 2, or 3; 609.625; 609.63; or 609.821, or a statute from another state or the United States in conformity with any of those sections, and the person received a felony or gross misdemeanor sentence for the offense, or a sentence that was stayed under section 609.135 if the offense to which a plea was entered would allow the imposition of a felony or gross misdemeanor sentence; or

(4) to imprisonment for not more than 364 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both, if the counterfeited item is used to obtain or in an attempt to obtain property or services having a value of no more than \$1,000, or the aggregate face value of the counterfeited item is no more than \$1,000.

Subd. 5. **Aggregation; venue.** In any prosecution under this section, the value of the counterfeited United States postal money orders, United States currency, Federal Reserve notes, or other obligations or securities of the United States, offered by the defendant in violation of this section within any six-month period may be aggregated and the defendant charged accordingly in applying the provisions of this section. When two or more offenses are committed by the same person in two or more counties, the accused may be prosecuted in any county in which one of the counterfeited items was forged, offered, or possessed, for all of the offenses aggregated under this subdivision.

**History:** 2006 c 260 art 1 s 27; 2023 c 52 art 6 s 16; art 20 s 25