

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: RCS 01/26/2012

The Committee on Judiciary (Richter) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 817.535, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

817.535 Fraudulent creation of interest in real or personal property.-

(1) A person may not, with the intent to defraud another, file or cause to be filed for recording in the official records a document relating to real or personal property which the person knows to contain a material misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission of fact. The filed document may

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include, but is not limited to, a deed, lease, bill of sale, agreement, mortgage, notice of claim of lien, notice of levy, promissory note, mortgage note, or any other instrument that relates to the ownership, transfer, or encumbrance of or claim against real or personal property or any interest in real or personal property.

(2) A person who violates subsection (1) commits the offense of fraudulent creation of an interest in real or personal property, a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

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Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to property fraud; creating s. 817.535, F.S.; prohibiting a person, with intent to defraud another, from filing or causing to be filed a document relating to the ownership, transfer, or encumbrance of or claim against real or personal property, or any interest in real or personal property, which the person knows contains a material misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission of fact; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.