

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 808

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 2001, Sections 1578, 1579, 1583, 1591, and 1592, which relate to possession of forged evidences of debt and forged instruments, counterfeiting coins, possession of counterfeit coin, and uttering forged instruments or coins; including currency in certain offenses of forgery, counterfeiting, and possession of forged or counterfeited instruments; making language gender neutral; and modifying reference; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2001, Section 1578, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1578. Every person who, with intent to defraud, has in his or her possession any forged, altered or counterfeit negotiable note, bill, draft or other evidence of debt or any forged or counterfeit currency issued or purporting to have been issued by the United States or any foreign government or country or any corporation or company duly authorized for that purpose by the laws of this state or of any other state, government or country, the forgery of which is hereinbefore declared to be punishable, knowing the same to be forged, altered or counterfeited, with intent to utter the same as true or as false, or to cause the same to be so uttered, is guilty of forgery in the second degree.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2001, Section 1579, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1579. Every person who has in his or her possession any forged or counterfeited instrument or currency, the forgery of which

is hereinbefore declared to be punishable, other than such as are enumerated in ~~the last section~~ Section 1578 of this title, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited or falsely altered with intent to injure or defraud by uttering the same to be true, or as false, or by causing the same to be uttered, is guilty of forgery in the second degree.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2001, Section 1583, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1583. Every person who counterfeits any currency or gold or silver coin, whether of the United States or any foreign government or country, with intent to sell, utter, use or circulate the same as genuine, within this state, is guilty of forgery in the second degree.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2001, Section 1591, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1591. Every person who has in his or her possession any counterfeit of any currency or gold or silver coin, whether of the United States or any foreign country or government, knowing the same to be counterfeit, with intent to sell or to use, circulate or export the same, as true or as false, or by causing the same to be uttered or passed, is guilty of forgery in the second degree.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2001, Section 1592, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1592. Every person who, with intent to defraud, utters or publishes as true any forged, altered or counterfeited instrument or any counterfeit currency or gold or silver coin, the forging, altering or counterfeiting of which is hereinbefore declared to be punishable, knowing such instrument or coin to be forged, altered or counterfeited, is guilty of forgery in the second degree.

SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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