

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3977

By: Echols

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8                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9           An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending  
10          21 O.S. 2021, Sections 358 and 359, which relate to  
11          fraudulent claims against the state; expanding scope  
12          of certain unlawful acts; making certain acts  
13          unlawful; providing penalties; providing for a  
14          registry to be maintained by the Office of the  
15          Attorney General and available for public inspection;  
16          and providing an effective date.

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

18           SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           21 O.S. 2021, Section 358, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20           Section 358. A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm,  
21 corporation, association or agency to make, present, or cause to be  
22 presented to any employee or officer of the State of Oklahoma, or to  
23 any department or agency thereof, any false, fictitious, or  
24 fraudulent claim for payment of public funds upon or against the  
State of Oklahoma, or any department or agency thereof, knowing such  
claim to be false, fictitious, or fraudulent. A violation of this

1 subsection shall be punished as provided in subsection A of Section  
2 359 of this title.

3 B. It shall be unlawful for any person applying for employment  
4 with the State of Oklahoma to make a materially false, fictitious,  
5 or fraudulent statement or representation on an employment  
6 application, knowing such statement or representation to be  
7 materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent. A violation of this  
8 subsection shall be punished as provided in subsection B of Section  
9 359 of this title.

10 C. It shall be unlawful for any person applying for employment  
11 with an employer other than the State of Oklahoma to make a  
12 materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or  
13 representation on an employment application, knowing such statement  
14 or representation to be materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent.  
15 A violation of this subsection shall be punished as provided for in  
16 subsection C of Section 359 of this title.

17 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 359, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 359. A. Any person, firm, corporation, association or  
20 agency found guilty of violating subsection A of Section 358 of this  
21 title shall be guilty of a felony punishable by a fine not exceeding  
22 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or by imprisonment in the custody  
23 of the Department of Corrections for a term not exceeding two (2)  
24 years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

1 B. Any person found guilty of violating subsection B of Section  
2 358 of this title shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a  
3 fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by  
4 imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding one (1)  
5 year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

6 C. Any person found guilty of violating subsection C of Section  
7 358 of this title shall pay a fine not exceeding One Thousand  
8 Dollars (\$1,000.00) and shall have his or her name included on a  
9 registry administered and maintained by the Office of the Attorney  
10 General.

11 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.  
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13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 02/21/2024 -  
14 DO PASS, As Amended.  
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