ASSEMBLY BILL 127 (LRB -0083)

An Act to amend 943.38 (3) (f) of the statutes; relating to: falsifying title insurance documents and providing a penalty. (FE)

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04-21.	A.	Introduced by Representatives **Townsend, Nass, Van Roy, Hines, Lehman, Nelson, F. Lasee, Petrowski, Albers** and **Hundertmark**; cosponsored by Senators **Roessler** and **Miller**.	
02-22.	A.	Read first time and referred to committee on Insurance	87
03-11.	A.	Fiscal estimate received.	
04-21.	A.	Public hearing held.	
05-19.	A.	Executive action taken.	
06-01.	A.	Report passage recommended by committee on Insurance, Ayes 14, Noes 0	261
06-01.	A.	Referred to committee on Rules	261
09-22.	A.	Made a special order of business at 11:14 A.M. on 9-27-2005 pursuant to Assembly Resolution 38	479
09-27.	A.	Read a second time	497
09-27.	A.	Ordered to a third reading	497
09-27.	A.	Rules suspended	497
09-27.	A.	Read a third time and **passed**	497
09-27.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged	497
09-30.	S.	Received from Assembly	382
09-30.	S.	Read first time and referred to committee on Agriculture and Insurance	382

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03-01.	S.	Public hearing held.	
03-06.	S.	Executive action taken.	
03-08.	S.	Report concurrence recommended by committee on Agriculture and Insurance, Ayes 7, Noes 0.	
03-08.	S.	Available for scheduling.	
03-08.	S.	Placed on calendar 3-9-2006 by committee on Senate Organization.	
03-09.	S.	Read a second time.	
03-09.	S.	Ordered to a third reading.	
03-09.	S.	Rules suspended.	
03-09.	S.	Read a third time and **concurred in**.	
03-09.	S.	Ordered immediately messaged.	
03-09.	A.	Received from Senate concurred in	937

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February 22, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives TOWNSEND, NASS, VAN ROY, HINES, LEHMAN, NELSON, F. LASEE, PETROWSKI, ALBERS and HUNDERTMARK, cosponsored by Senators ROESSLER and MILLER. Referred to Committee on Insurance.

1   AN ACT *to amend* 943.38 (3) (f) of the statutes; **relating to:** falsifying title

2   insurance documents and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may falsely make or alter a certified abstract of title to real estate with the intent to defraud another. A person who violates this prohibition may be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned in the county jail for not more than nine months or both. This bill expands the scope of that prohibition so that it covers falsifying a title insurance commitment, a title insurance policy, or any other written evidence regarding the state of title to real estate.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3   SECTION 1. 943.38 (3) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

1   943.38 **(3)** (f) Falsely makes or alters a certified abstract of title to real estate,

2 a title insurance commitment, a title insurance policy, or any other written evidence

3 regarding the state of title to real estate.

4   **(END)**