

(II) IMPLIES THAT THE PERSON IS A PART OF OR ASSOCIATED WITH A UNIT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR A UNIT OF A STATE OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

(2) WITH INTENT TO INDUCE THE PAYMENT OF A CLAIM, A PERSON MAY NOT USE A SEAL, INSIGNIA, ENVELOPE, OR ANY OTHER FORM THAT SIMULATES THE SEAL, INSIGNIA, ENVELOPE, OR FORM OF ANY GOVERNMENTAL UNIT.

(C) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING:

- (1) \$100 FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION; AND
- (2) \$500 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION.

(D) EXCEPTION.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE PRINTING, PUBLICATION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF GENUINE COURT OR LEGAL PROCESS FORMS IN BLANK.

(E) PROOF OF SENDING.

PROOF THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS MAILED OR DELIVERED TO ANY PERSON WITH THE INTENT THAT IT BE FORWARDED TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT IS SUFFICIENT PROOF OF SENDING.

(F) VENUE.

A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY BE PROSECUTED IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE SIMULATED DOCUMENT WAS USED, SOLD, SENT, OR DELIVERED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 199.

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the reference to a "form" is substituted for the former reference to a "format" for accuracy.

In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to being "guilty of a misdemeanor" is added to state expressly that which was only implied in the former law. In this State, any crime that was not a felony at common law and has not been declared a felony by statute is considered to be a misdemeanor. See *State v. Canova*, 278 Md. 483, 490 (1976); *Bowser v. State*, 136 Md. 342, 345 (1920); *Dutton v. State*, 123 Md. 373, 378 (1914); and *Williams v. State*, 4 Md. App. 342, 347 (1968).

Also in subsection (c) of this section, the references to a "violation" are substituted for the former references to an "offense" for consistency within this article. See General Revisor's Note to article.

In subsection (d) of this section, the reference to forms "in blank" is substituted for the former reference to "blank" forms for clarity.