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## SENATE BILL No. 103

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DIGEST OF SB 103 (Updated January 14, 1998 5:54 pm - DI 76)

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-44; noncode.

**Synopsis:** False informing. Makes the offense of false informing a Class A misdemeanor if a person gives a false report of a commission of a crime or gives false information in the official investigation of the commission of a crime, knowing the report to be false. (Under current law, the offense is a Class B misdemeanor under these circumstances.)

**Effective:** July 1, 1998.

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January 6, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures.  
January 15, 1998, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1997 General Assembly.

## SENATE BILL No. 103

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 35-44-2-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this  
3 section, "consumer product" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-45-8-1.  
4 (b) A person who reports, by telephone, telegraph, mail, or other  
5 written or oral communication, that:  
6 (1) the person or another person has placed or intends to place an  
7 explosive or other destructive substance in a building or  
8 transportation facility; or  
9 (2) there has been or there will be tampering with a consumer  
10 product introduced into commerce;  
11 knowing the report to be false commits false reporting, a Class D  
12 felony.  
13 (c) A person who ~~(†)~~ gives a false report of the commission of a  
14 crime or gives false information in the official investigation of the  
15 commission of a crime, knowing the report or information to be false  
16 **commits false reporting, a Class A misdemeanor.**  
17 (d) A person who:

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1           ~~(2)~~ (1) gives a false alarm of fire to the fire department of a  
2           governmental entity, knowing the alarm to be false;  
3           ~~(3)~~ (2) makes a false request for ambulance service to an  
4           ambulance service provider, knowing the request to be false; or  
5           ~~(4)~~ (3) gives a false report concerning a missing child (as defined  
6           in IC 10-1-7-2) or gives false information in the official  
7           investigation of a missing child knowing the report or information  
8           to be false;  
9           commits false informing, a Class B misdemeanor. However, the offense  
10          is a Class A misdemeanor if it substantially hinders any law  
11          enforcement process or if it results in harm to an innocent person.  
12          SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998] **This act applies to**  
13          **crimes committed after June 30, 1998.**

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures, to which was referred Senate Bill 103, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 12, delete ":".

Page 1, line 13, strike "(1)".

Page 1, run in lines 12 through 13.

Page 1, line 15, delete ";" and insert "**commits false reporting, a Class A misdemeanor.**".

Page 1, between lines 15 and 16, begin a new paragraph and insert: "**(d) A person who:**".

Page 1, line 16, strike "(2)" and insert "**(1)**".

Page 2, line 1, strike "(3)" and insert "**(2)**".

Page 2, line 3, strike "(4)" and insert "**(3)**".

Page 2, line 6, reset in roman "Class B misdemeanor".

Page 2, line 6, delete "Class D felony".

Page 2, line 7, reset in roman "Class A misdemeanor".

Page 2, line 7, delete "Class C felony".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to Senate Bill 103 as introduced.)

MEEKS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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