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Law: Concealing a Vehicle

PENAL CODE - PEN

PART 1. OF CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS [25 - 680]

(Part 1 enacted 1872.)

TITLE 7. OF CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC JUSTICE [92 - 186.34]

(Title 7 enacted 1872.)

CHAPTER 7. Other Offenses Against Public Justice [142 - 181]

(Chapter 7 enacted 1872.)

154.

(a) Every debtor who fraudulently removes his or her property or effects out of this state, or who fraudulently sells, conveys, assigns or conceals his or her property with intent to defraud, hinder or delay his or her creditors of their rights, claims, or demands, is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment.

(b) Where the property so removed, sold, conveyed, assigned, or concealed consists of a stock in trade, or a part thereof, of a value exceeding two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), the offense shall be a felony and punishable as such.

(Amended by Stats. 2009, 3rd Ex. Sess., Ch. 28, Sec. 6. Effective January 25, 2010.)

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PART 1. OF CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS [25 - 680]

(Part 1 enacted 1872.)

TITLE 13. OF CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY [450 - 593g]

(Title 13 enacted 1872.)

CHAPTER 6. Embezzlement [503 - 515]

(Chapter 6 enacted 1872.)

504.

Every officer of this state, or of any county, city, city and county, or other municipal corporation or subdivision thereof, and every deputy, clerk, or servant of that officer, and every officer, director, trustee, clerk, servant, or agent of any association, society, or corporation (public or private), who fraudulently appropriates to any use or purpose not in the due and lawful execution of that person's trust, any property in his or her possession or under his or her control by virtue of that trust, or secretes it with a fraudulent intent to appropriate it to that use or purpose, is guilty of embezzlement.

(Amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 787, Sec. 13. Effective January 1, 2003.)



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CHAPTER 8. False Personation and Cheats [528 - 539]

(Chapter 8 enacted 1872.)

538.

Every person, who, after mortgaging any of the property permitted to be mortgaged by the provisions of Sections 9102 and 9109 of the Commercial Code, excepting locomotives, engines, rolling stock of a railroad, steamboat machinery in actual use, and vessels, during the existence of the mortgage, with intent to defraud the mortgagee, his or her representative or assigns, takes, drives, carries away, or otherwise removes or permits the taking, driving, or carrying away, or other removal of the mortgaged property, or any part thereof, from the county where it was situated when mortgaged, without the written consent of the mortgagee, or who sells, transfers, slaughters, destroys, or in any manner further encumbers the mortgaged property, or any part thereof, or causes it to be sold, transferred, slaughtered, destroyed, or further encumbered, is guilty of theft, and is punishable accordingly. In the case of a sale, transfer, or further encumbrance at or before the time of making the sale, transfer, or encumbrance, the mortgagor informs the person to whom the sale, transfer, or encumbrance is made, of the existence of the prior mortgage, and also informs the prior mortgagee of the intended sale, transfer, or encumbrance, in writing, by giving the name and place of residence of the party to whom the sale, transfer, or encumbrance is to be made.

(Amended by Stats. 1999, Ch. 991, Sec. 54. Effective January 1, 2000. Operative July 1, 2001, by Sec. 75 of Ch. 991.)

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