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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 302 AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FORGERY OF PROOF OF VACCINATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Two-thirds of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

Section 1. Amend § 861, Title 11 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

- § 861. Forgery; class F felony; class G felony; class A misdemeanor; restitution required.
- (b) Forgery is classified and punished as follows:
- (2) Forgery is forgery in the second degree if the written instrument is or purports to be: be any of the following:
 - a. A deed, will, codicil, contract, release, assignment, commercial instrument, eheck check, or other instrument which does or may evidence, create, transfer, terminate terminate, or otherwise affect a legal right, interest, obligation or status; or obligation, or status.
 - b. A public record, or an instrument filed or required to be filed in or with a public office or public servant; or servant.
 - c. A written instrument officially issued or created by a public office, public servant or governmental instrumentality; or servant, or governmental instrumentality.
 - d. Part of an issue of tokens, tickets, public transportation transfers, <u>certificates certificates</u>, or other articles manufactured and designed for use as symbols of value usable in place of money for the purchase of property or <u>services</u>; <u>or services</u>.
 - e. A prescription of a duly licensed physician or other person authorized to issue the same for any drug or any instrument or device for which a prescription is required by law.

Forgery in the second degree is a class G felony.

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(4) If the written instrument is or purports to be provided to an individual by a vaccine provider documenting that an individual has been vaccinated, which bears a government logo or other indication that the written instrument is created by a governmental instrumentality and includes information such as the date an individual received a vaccination and the type of vaccine and lot number, forgery is classified and punished as follows:

a. A first offense by an individual involving a single written instrument under paragraph (b)(4) of this section is forgery in the third degree, a class A misdemeanor.

b. All other forgery under paragraph (b)(4) of this section is forgery in the second degree, a class G felony.

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