

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 21: Crimes and Punishments

Part VII. Crimes Against Property

Chapter 61: False Pretenses, False Personations, Cheats and Frauds

§ 1550.41. Definitions--Offenses--Penalties

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A. As used in this section and Section 1550.42 of this title, "identification document", "identification card", or "identification certificate" means any printed form which contains:

1. The name and photograph of a person;
2. The name and any physical description of a person;
3. The name and social security number of a person: or
4. Any combination of information provided for in paragraphs 1 through 3 of this subsection; and which by its format, is capable of leading a person to believe said document, card, or certificate has been issued for the purpose of identifying the person named thereon, but shall not include any printed form which, on its face, conspicuously bears the term "NOT FOR IDENTIFICATION" in not less than six-point type.

B. It is a misdemeanor for any person:

1. To purchase an identification document, identification card, or identification certificate which bears altered or fictitious information concerning the date of birth, sex, height, eye color, weight, a fictitious or forged name or signature or a photograph of any person, other than the person named thereon:
2. To display or cause or permit to be displayed or to knowingly possess an identification document, identification card or identification certificate which bears altered or fictitious information concerning the date of birth, sex, height, eye color, weight, or fictitious or forged name or signature or a photograph of any person, other than the person named thereon:
3. To display or cause or permit to be displayed or to knowingly possess any counterfeit or fictitious identification document, identification card, or identification certificate; or
4. To use the Seal of the Cherokee Nation or facsimile thereof, on any identification document, identification card, or identification certificate which is not issued by an entity of this state or political subdivision thereof, or by the United States. Provided, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit the use of the Seal of the Cherokee Nation for

authorized advertising, including, but not limited to, business cards, calling cards and stationery.

C. It is a felony for any person:

1. To create, publish or otherwise manufacture an identification document, identification card or identification certificate or facsimile thereof or to create manufacture or possess an engraved plate or other such device for the printing of an identification document identification card or identification certificate or facsimile thereof, which purports to identify the bearer of such document, card, or certificate whether or not intended for use as identification, and includes, but is not limited to, documents, cards, and certificates purporting to be driver licenses, nondriver identification cards, birth certificates, social security cards, and employee identification cards, except as authorized by state or federal law;

2. To sell or offer for sale an identification document, identification card, or identification certificate or facsimile thereof, which purports to identify the bearer of such document, card, or certificate whether or not intended for use as identification, and includes, but is not limited to, documents, cards, and certificates purporting to be driver licenses, nondriver identification cards, birth certificates, social security cards, and employee identification cards, except as authorized by tribal, state, or federal law; or

3. To display or present an identification document, identification card or identification certificate which bears altered, false or fictitious information for the purpose of:

a. committing or aiding in the commission of a felony in any commercial or financial transaction,

b. misleading a peace officer in the performance of duties, or

c. avoiding prosecution.

D. 1. The violation of any of the provisions of subsection B of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

2. The violation of any of the provisions of subsection C of this section shall constitute a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or a term of imprisonment for a term not to exceed three (3) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

E. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the chief administrator of a federal or state law enforcement, military, or intelligence agency may request the Commissioner of

the Department of Public Safety or State Commissioner of Health to authorize the issuance of an identification document, identification card, or identification certificate within the scope of their authority which would otherwise be a violation of this section, to identify a law enforcement officer or agent as another person for the sole purpose of aiding in a criminal investigation or a military or intelligence operation. A person displaying or possessing such identification shall not be prosecuted for a violation of this section. Upon termination of the investigation or operation, the person to whom such identification document, identification card or identification certificate was issued shall return such identification to the Department of Public Safety or State Department of Health, as appropriate.

Historical Data

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