

# HOUSE BILL No. 1343

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 32-28-13-10; IC 35-52-32-1.5.

**Synopsis:** Recording of false liens. Makes the filing of a false lien a Level 6 felony, and increases the penalty to a Level 5 felony if the false lien is filed against a public official.

**Effective:** July 1, 2024.

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January 10, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

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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 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 32-28-13-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 10. (a) A person who, knowing or**  
4 **having reason to know that a lien or other encumbrance:**  
5 (1) **is false; or**  
6 (2) **contains a material misrepresentation;**  
7 **files the lien or other encumbrance against property owned by**  
8 **another person commits malicious interference with property, a**  
9 **Level 6 felony, except as provided in subsection (b).**  
10 (b) **The offense described in subsection (a) is a Level 5 felony if**  
11 **it is committed against a public official because of:**  
12 (1) **an action taken or not taken by the public official within**  
13 **the scope of the public official's official duties; or**  
14 (2) **the public official's status as a public official.**  
15 SECTION 2. IC 35-52-32-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
16 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 1.5. IC 32-28-13-10 defines a**



1 **crime concerning liens.**

