

**THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 218 of 1956**

**500.8197 False or fraudulent statement or representation as misdemeanor or perjury; violation of MCL 500.8177 as felony; soliciting or procuring membership in unlicensed society as misdemeanor; violation of or noncompliance with chapter; penalties.**

Sec. 8197. (1) A person, officer, member, or examining physician of any society authorized to do business under this chapter, who knowingly or willfully makes a false or fraudulent statement or representation in or with reference to an application for membership, or for the purpose of obtaining money from or benefit in any society transacting business under this chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 30 days or more than 1 year, or by a fine of not less than \$100.00 or more than \$500.00, or both.

(2) A person who willfully makes a false statement of a material fact or thing in a sworn statement as to the death or disability of a certificate holder in a society for the purpose of procuring payment of a benefit named in the certificate of the holder, and a person who willfully makes a false statement in a verified report or declaration under oath required or authorized by this chapter, is guilty of perjury.

(3) A person who violates section 8177 is guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

(4) A person who solicits membership for or in any manner assists in procuring membership in a society not licensed to do business in this state is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$200.00.

(5) A person guilty of a willful violation of or neglect or refusal to comply with the provisions of this chapter for which a penalty is not otherwise prescribed is subject to the penalty provided in section 150.

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