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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sHB 5210

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING FORGERY OF A WRITTEN INSTRUMENT INDICATING VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill specifies that the crime of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree forgery includes forgery involving a COVID-19 card or record (whether paper or electronic). By law, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree forgery is a class B misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in prison, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

#### **FORGERY INVOLVING A COVID-19 VACCINATION CARD**

By law, a person commits 3<sup>rd</sup> degree forgery when, with intent to defraud, deceive, or injure someone else, the person (1) falsely makes, completes, or alters a written instrument or (2) issues or possesses a written instrument that the person knows is forged.

For purposes of this crime, the bill specifies that a “written instrument” includes a paper or electronic card or record that a vaccine provider gave to a person, indicating the date that this person received a COVID-19 vaccination and the vaccine type.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 18 (03/29/2022)