



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5210

LCO No. 1446



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 53a-142 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of forgery of symbols of value when, with intent
4 to defraud, deceive or injure another, he falsely makes, completes or
5 alters a written instrument or issues or possesses any written instrument
6 which he knows to be forged, which is or purports to be, or which is
7 calculated to become or represent if completed part of an issue of tokens,
8 public transportation transfers, certificates or other articles
9 manufactured and designed for use as symbols of value usable in place
10 of money for the purchase of property or services. For purposes of this
11 section: (1) A paper or electronic card or record provided to a person by
12 a vaccine provider indicating the date on which a person received a
13 vaccination against COVID-19 and the type of vaccine, shall be
14 considered a written instrument, and (2) "COVID-19" means the
15 respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on

16 February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof
17 recognized by the World Health Organization as a communicable
18 respiratory disease.

19 (b) Forgery of symbols of value is a class A misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2022	53a-142
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Statement of Purpose:

To amend the state's Penal Code to specify that forgery of a written instrument includes forgery of any paper or electronic vaccination card or record indicating the date on which a person received a vaccination against COVID-19.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]