

- 44-5,127. Affidavit of exempt status; fraud; penalties.** (a) Any person who is not required to be covered under a workers compensation insurance policy or other plan for the payment of workers compensation may execute an affidavit of exempt status under the workers compensation act. The affidavit shall be a form prescribed by the commissioner of insurance. The affidavit shall be available on the web site of the department of insurance.
- (b) Execution of the affidavit shall establish a rebuttable presumption that the executor is not an employee for purposes of the workers compensation act and that an individual or company possessing the affidavit is in compliance and therefore shall not be responsible for workers compensation claims made by the executor.
- (c) The execution of an affidavit shall not affect the rights or coverage of any employee of the individual executing the affidavit.
- (d) (1) Knowingly providing false information on a notarized affidavit of exempt status under the workers compensation act shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.
- (2) Affidavits shall conspicuously state on the front thereof in at least 10 point, boldfaced print that it is a crime to falsify information on the form.
- (3) The commissioner of insurance shall immediately notify the fraud unit in the department of insurance of any violations or suspected violations of this section. The commissioner of insurance shall cooperate with the fraud unit.
- (e) The commissioner of insurance shall have the power to adopt all reasonable rules and regulations necessary to implement this section.

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