

HB 2219 -- MAKING A FALSE REPORT

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This bill expands the offense of making a false report to include, with the intent to cause an emergency response in the absence of circumstances requiring such a response, a person knowingly communicating false or misleading information indicating that conduct that may reasonably be believed to constitute a violation of any state or federal criminal law or be believed to endanger public health or safety has taken, is taking, or will take place. The bill also specifies the different levels of penalties for making this type of false report.

The bill also specifies that a person incurring bodily injury or damage or loss to property as a result of a false report, regardless of any criminal prosecution or result thereof, shall have a civil action to secure an injunction, damages, or other appropriate relief in law or equity against any and all persons who violated the section. Finally, the court, while imposing sentence on a person convicted of filing a false report to cause an emergency response, shall order the person to make reimbursements to a harmed party for the expenses of an emergency response caused by the person's conduct.