

New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics

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This proposal would amend section 94 of the Executive Law by adding a new subdivision 13-a to create a penalty for making a false statement during the course of an investigation or during the review of an annual statement of financial disclosure by the commission. This proposal would also amend section 1-o of the Legislative Law by adding a new subdivision (e) to create a penalty for making a false statement during the course of the random audit program relating to reports or registration statements filed by clients and lobbyists. A violation would constitute a class A Misdemeanor.

Section 1. Section 94 of the executive law is amended by adding a subdivision 13-a to read as follows:

13-a. A person who knowingly and willfully: (1) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact; (2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or (3) makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry during the course of an investigation, or during a review of an annual statement of financial disclosure as authorized by this section, shall be guilty of a class A Misdemeanor.

Section 2. Section 1-o of the legislative law is amended by adding a new paragraph (e) to read as follows:

(e) A person who knowingly and willfully: (1) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact; (2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or (3) makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry during the course of an audit, as authorized by Section 1-d of this article, shall be guilty of a class A Misdemeanor.