

HOUSE BILL 359

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES; PROVIDING THAT KNOWINGLY MAKING
A FALSE STATEMENT ON A MATTER FOR WHICH TESTIMONY IS REQUESTED
IN A LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDING CONSTITUTES PERJURY REGARDLESS OF
WHETHER THE STATEMENT IS MADE UNDER OATH, AFFIRMATION OR
PENALTY OF PERJURY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 30-25-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1963,
Chapter 303, Section 25-1, as amended) is amended to read:

"30-25-1. PERJURY.--

A. Perjury consists of making a false statement:

(1) under oath, affirmation or penalty of
perjury, material to the issue or matter involved in the course
of any judicial or administrative [~~legislative~~] proceeding or
other official proceeding or matter not before the legislature,

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1 knowing ~~[such]~~ that statement to be untrue; or
2 (2) material to the issue or matter of which
3 the person making the statement has been requested to testify
4 in any proceeding before the legislature, including any hearing
5 of a standing or interim committee of the legislature, knowing
6 that statement to be untrue and regardless of whether the
7 statement is made under oath, affirmation or penalty of
8 perjury; provided that the provisions of this paragraph do not
9 apply to a statement made by a member of the public during a
10 designated period for public comment at a hearing of a standing
11 or interim committee of the legislature.

12 B. Whoever commits perjury is guilty of a fourth
13 degree felony."