



## CHAPTER 44A

## ARTICLE 2 - STATUTORY LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY

## N.C.G.S. § 44A-24.

# False statement a misdemeanor and grounds for disciplinary action against a licensed contractor or qualifying party.

| SOURCE                                                                   | LAST AMENDMENT IN THIS TEXT                     | RETRIEVED                    | SOURCE FINGERPRINT                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly | S.L. 2012-175, s. 10 — fifth act in the lineage | 21 September 2026, 04:48 UTC | 2b8610ec710bdc530d9d0f4b - 7f14bb2b2d6861dad6e93bd8 - 955f1dd5c7e95ab4 |

If any contractor or other person receiving payment from an obligor for an improvement to real property or from a purchaser for a conveyance of real property with improvements subject to this Article or to Article 3 of this Chapter shall knowingly furnish to such obligor, purchaser, or to a lender who obtains a security interest in said real property, or to a title insurance company insuring title to such real property, a false written statement of the sums due or claimed to be due for labor or material furnished at the site of improvements to such real property, then such contractor, subcontractor or other person shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Upon conviction and in the event the court shall grant any defendant a suspended sentence, the court may in its discretion include as a condition of such suspension a provision that the defendant shall reimburse the party who suffered loss on such conditions as the court shall determine are proper.

The elements of the offense herein stated are the furnishing of the false written statement with knowledge that it is false and the subsequent or simultaneous receipt of payment from an obligor or purchaser by the person signing the document, a person directing another to sign the document, or any person or entity for whom the document was signed. In any criminal prosecution hereunder it shall not be necessary for the State to prove that the obligor, purchaser, lender or title insurance company relied upon the false statement or that any person was injured thereby.

In addition to the criminal sanctions created by this section, conduct constituting the offense herein stated and causing actual harm to any person by any licensed contractor or qualifying party, as that term is used in Chapter 87 of the General Statutes, shall constitute deceit and misconduct subject to disciplinary action under Chapter 87 of the General Statutes, including revocation, suspension, or restriction of a license or the ability to act as a qualifying party for a license.

END OF SECTION TEXT

APPARATUS FOLLOWS — DERIVED, NOT ENACTED

APPARATUS I  
5 ACTS

Amendment lineage

The State prints this history as a single parenthetical at the foot of the section. It is reproduced verbatim in the colophon and unpacked below in order of enactment.

|    | 1971                            |                            | 1992                                   |  | 2012 |
|----|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|--|------|
|    | TICK HEIGHT = ACTS IN THAT YEAR |                            | DASHED = RECODIFICATION, NOT AMENDMENT |  |      |
| Nº | YEAR                            | ACT                        | CHARACTER                              |  |      |
| 01 | 1971                            | c. 880, s. 1.1             | ENACTED                                |  |      |
| 02 | 1973                            | c. 991                     | AMENDED                                |  |      |
| 03 | 1993                            | c. 539, s. 406             | AMENDED                                |  |      |
| 04 | 1994                            | Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c) | AMENDED                                |  |      |
| 05 | 2012                            | S.L. 2012-175, s. 10       | AMENDED                                |  |      |

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 44A-24 (2012).

Pinpoint keys are set in the left margin of the text rather than line numbers: subsection designators are stable across editions and paper sizes, line numbers are not.

## COLOPHON

## Provenance

This document reproduces the text of one section of the General Statutes of North Carolina from a source file whose SHA-256 digest is printed on every page. The digest fixes the bytes this export was made from; if the State's file changes, the digest will not match.

The text of the section is unaltered. Subsection designators have been moved from the run of text into the margin. The amendment history and the table of authorities are derived from the section by mechanical extraction — they add no characterization of the law.

This is not the official text. The official text is published by the General Assembly of North Carolina.

---

HISTORY PARENTHETICAL, AS PRINTED BY THE STATE

(1971, c. 880, s. 1.1; 1973, c. 991; 1993, c. 539, s. 406; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c); 2012-175, s. 10.)

---

SET IN SPECTRAL AND ARCHIVO  
NORTH CAROLINA LAW — STATUTE EXPORT, FORMAT V1

