



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5210**

February Session, 2022



**AN ACT CONCERNING FORGERY OF A WRITTEN INSTRUMENT  
INDICATING VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 53a-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of forgery in the third degree when, with intent  
4 to defraud, deceive or injure another, [he] such person falsely makes,  
5 completes or alters a written instrument, or issues or possesses any  
6 written instrument which [he] such person knows to be forged. As used  
7 in this section: (1) "Written instrument" includes a paper or electronic  
8 card or record provided to a person by a vaccine provider indicating the  
9 date on which a person received a vaccination against COVID-19 and  
10 the type of vaccine, and (2) "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease  
11 designated by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as  
12 coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized by the  
13 World Health Organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

14 (b) Forgery in the third degree is a class B misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Section 1	October 1, 2022	53a-140
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**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*