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**§ 905. Art. 105. Forgery**

Any person subject to this chapter who, with intent to defraud—

- (1) falsely makes or alters any signature to, or any part of, any writing which would, if genuine, apparently impose a legal liability on another or change his legal right or liability to his prejudice; or
- (2) utters, offers, issues, or transfers such a writing, known by him to be so made or altered;

is guilty of forgery and shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 74, §923; renumbered §905, Pub. L. 114-328, div. E, title LX, §5401(12), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2939.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
923 .....	50:717.	May 5, 1950, ch. 169, §1 (Art. 123), 64 Stat. 141.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 905 was renumbered section 898 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Pub. L. 114-328 renumbered section 923 of this title as this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2016 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-328 effective on Jan. 1, 2019, as designated by the President, with implementing regulations and provisions relating to applicability to various situations, see section 5542 of Pub. L. 114-328 and Ex. Ord. No. 13825, set out as notes under section 801 of this title.

**§ 905a. Art. 105a. False or unauthorized pass of fenses**

(a) WRONGFUL MAKING, ALTERING, ETC.—Any person subject to this chapter who, wrongfully and falsely, makes, alters, counterfeits, or tampers with a military or official pass, permit, discharge certificate, or identification card shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(b) WRONGFUL SALE, ETC.—Any person subject to this chapter who wrongfully sells, gives, lends, or disposes of a false or unauthorized military or official pass, permit, discharge certificate, or identification card, knowing that the pass, permit, discharge certificate, or identification card is false or unauthorized, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(c) WRONGFUL USE OR POSSESSION.—Any person subject to this chapter who wrongfully uses or possesses a false or unauthorized military or official pass, permit, discharge certificate, or identification card, knowing that the pass, permit, discharge certificate, or identification card is false or unauthorized, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(Added Pub. L. 114-328, div. E, title LX, §5416, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2944.)

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**§ 906. Art. 106. Impersonation of officer, non-commissioned or petty officer, or agent or official**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person subject to this chapter who, wrongfully and willfully, impersonates—

- (1) an officer, a noncommissioned officer, or a petty officer;
- (2) an agent of superior authority of one of the armed forces; or
- (3) an official of a government;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(b) IMPERSONATION WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD.—Any person subject to this chapter who, wrongfully, willfully, and with intent to defraud, impersonates any person referred to in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (a) shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(c) IMPERSONATION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WITHOUT INTENT TO DEFRAUD.—Any person subject to this chapter who, wrongfully, willfully, and without intent to defraud, impersonates an official of a government by committing an act that exercises or asserts the authority of the office that the person claims to have shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(Added Pub. L. 114-328, title LX, §5417, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2945.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 906 was renumbered section 903 of this title.

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**§ 906a. Art. 106a. Wearing unauthorized insignia, decoration, badge, ribbon, device, or lapel button**

Any person subject to this chapter—

- (1) who is not authorized to wear an insignia, decoration, badge, ribbon, device, or lapel button; and
- (2) who wrongfully wears such insignia, decoration, badge, ribbon, device, or lapel button upon the person's uniform or civilian clothing;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(Added Pub. L. 114-328, div. E, title LX, §5418, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2945.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 906a was renumbered section 903a of this title.

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