SENATE BILL No. 378

By Senator Berger

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AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; creating the crime of counterfeiting currency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Counterfeiting currency is, with the intent to defraud:

(1) Making, forging or altering any note, obligation or security of the United States;

(2) distributing, or possessing with the intent to distribute, any obligation or security of the United States knowing such obligation or security has been so made, forged or altered;

(3) possessing any paper, ink, printer, press, currency plate or other item with the intent to produce any counterfeit note, currency, obligation or security of the United States.

(b) Counterfeiting currency as defined in:

(1) Subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) is a:

(A) Severity level 7, nonperson felony, if the total face value of the obligations or securities seized is $25,000 or more; and

(B) severity level 8, nonperson felony, if the total face value of the obligations or securities seized is less than $25,000; and

(2) subsection (a)(3) is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.

(c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas criminal code.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.