

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 6177

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Increasing penalties for criminal impersonation.

**Sponsors:** Senators Eide, Brandland and Winsley.

**Senate Committee on Judiciary**

**House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections**

**Background:** Criminal impersonation in the first degree is the crime of assuming falsely the identity of another and acting with the intent to defraud. Criminal impersonation in the first degree is a gross misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in county jail and/or a fine not to exceed \$5,000.

Criminal impersonation in the second degree is the crime of either claiming to be a law enforcement officer or falsely creating the impression that one is a law enforcement officer, and acting in a manner such that a reasonable person would falsely believe one to be a law enforcement officer. Criminal impersonation in the second degree is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in county jail and/or a fine not to exceed \$1,000.

**Summary:** The penalties for criminal impersonation are enhanced. Criminal impersonation in the first degree is an unranked class C felony, punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a fine not to exceed \$10,000. Criminal impersonation in the second degree is a gross misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in county jail and/or a fine not to exceed \$5,000.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate 48 0

House 94 0

**Effective:** July 1, 2004