

1 AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by adding  
5 Section 17-26 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/17-26 new)

7 Sec. 17-26. Paternity fraud.

8 (a) A person commits the offense of paternity fraud  
9 when:

10 (1) he or she knowingly alleges that a person is  
11 the biological father of a child; and

12 (2) he or she knows, at the time that he or she  
13 makes the allegation, that the allegation: (A) is false  
14 and (B) may result in the person alleged to be the  
15 biological father of a child being erroneously  
16 adjudicated as the father of a child.

17 (b) Sentence. Paternity fraud is a Class A misdemeanor.