18 U.S.C. §§151-158

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[as of 2002; since then only §§156-158 have been amended, which occurred in 2005 in the context of the amendment to the Bankruptcy Code by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (BAPCPA)]

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receiverships" for "bankruptcy proceedings".

-SECREF-

CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS This chapter is referred to in section 3057 of this title.

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Sec. 152. Concealment of assets; false oaths and claims; bribery

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-STATUTE-

A person who -

(1) knowingly and fraudulently conceals from a custodian, trustee, marshal, or other officer of the court charged with the control or custody of property, or, in connection with a case under title 11, from creditors or the United States Trustee, any property belonging to the estate of a debtor; (2) knowingly and fraudulently makes a false oath or account in or in relation to any case under title 11;

(3) knowingly and fraudulently makes a false declaration, certificate, verification, or statement under penalty of perjury as permitted under section 1746 of title 28, in or in relation to any case under title 11;

(4) knowingly and fraudulently presents any false claim for proof against the estate of a debtor, or uses any such claim in any case under title 11, in a personal capacity or as or through an agent, proxy, or attorney;

(5) knowingly and fraudulently receives any material amount of property from a debtor after the filing of a case under title 11, with intent to defeat the provisions of title 11;

(6) knowingly and fraudulently gives, offers, receives, or attempts to obtain any money or property, remuneration, compensation, reward, advantage, or promise thereof for acting or forbearing to act in any case under title 11;

(7) in a personal capacity or as an agent or officer of any person or corporation, in contemplation of a case under title 11 by or against the person or any other person or corporation, or with intent to defeat the provisions of title 11, knowingly and fraudulently transfers or conceals any of his property or the property of such other person or corporation;

(8) after the filing of a case under title 11 or in contemplation thereof, knowingly and fraudulently conceals, destroys, mutilates, falsifies, or makes a false entry in any recorded information (including books, documents, records, and papers) relating to the property or financial affairs of a debtor; or

(9) after the filing of a case under title 11, knowingly and fraudulently withholds from a custodian, trustee, marshal, or other officer of the court or a United States Trustee entitled to its possession, any recorded information (including books, documents, records, and papers) relating to the property or financial affairs of a debtor,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years,

or both.

-SOURCE-

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 689; Pub. L. 86-519, Sec. 2, June 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 217; Pub. L. 86-701, Sept. 2, 1960, 74 Stat. 753; Pub. L. 94-550, Sec. 4, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2535; Pub. L. 95-598, title III, Sec. 314(a), (c), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2676, 2677; Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, Sec. 7017, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4395; Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXIII, Sec. 330016(1)(K), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2147; Pub. L. 103-394, title III, Sec. 312(a)(1)(A), Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4138; Pub. L. 104-294, title VI, Sec. 601(a)(1), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3497.)

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on section 52(b) of title 11, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Bankruptcy (July 1, 1898, ch. 541, Sec. 29b, 30 Stat. 554; May 27, 1926, ch. 406, Sec. 11 (part), 44 Stat. 665; June 22, 1938, ch. 575, Sec. 1 (part), 52 Stat. 855).

Section was broadened to apply to one who gives or offers a bribe.

Minor changes were made in phraseology.

AMENDMENTS

1996 - Pub. L. 104-294 substituted "fined under this title" for "fined not more than \$5,000" in closing provisions.

1994 - Pub. L. 103-394 amended section generally, designating undesignated pars. as opening provisions, pars. (1) to (9), and closing provisions, and in pars. (1) and (9) inserting reference to United States Trustee.

Pub. L. 103-322 substituted "fined under this title" for "fined not more than \$5,000" in last par.

1988 - Pub. L. 100-690 substituted "penalty of perjury" for "penalty or perjury" in third par.

1978 - Pub. L. 95-598 substituted, wherever appearing, "debtor" for "bankrupt", "case under title 11" for "bankruptcy proceeding",

and "provisions of title 11" for "bankruptcy law"; and substituted "a custodian" for "the receiver, custodian", wherever appearing, and "recorded information, including books, documents, records, and papers, relating to the property or financial affairs" for "document affecting or relating to the property or affairs", in two places.

1976 - Pub. L. 94-550 inserted paragraph covering the knowing and fraudulent making of a false declaration, certificate,

verification, or statement under penalty of perjury as permitted under section 1746 of title 28 or in relation to any bankruptcy proceeding.

1960 - Pub. L. 86-701 included fraudulent transfers and concealment of property by persons in their individual capacity in sixth par.

Pub. L. 86-519 struck out "under oath" after "knowingly and fraudulently presents" in third par.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-394 effective Oct. 22, 1994, and not applicable with respect to cases commenced under Title 11, Bankruptcy, before Oct. 22, 1994, see section 702 of Pub. L. 103-394, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 11.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-598 effective Oct. 1, 1979, see section 402(a) of Pub. L. 95-598, set out as an Effective Date note preceding section 101 of Title 11, Bankruptcy.

SAVINGS PROVISION

Amendment by section 314 of Pub. L. 95-598 not to affect the application of chapter 9 (Sec. 151 et seq.), chapter 96 (Sec. 1961 et seq.), or section 2516, 3057, or 3284 of this title to any act of any person (1) committed before Oct. 1, 1979, or (2) committed after Oct. 1, 1979, in connection with a case commenced before such date, see section 403(d) of Pub. L. 95-598, set out as a note preceding section 101 of Title 11, Bankruptcy.

-SECREF-

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS This section is referred to in section 1956 of this title; title 7 section 12a; title 15 sections 78o, 80b-3.

-End-

Sec. 153. Embezzlement against estate

18 USC Sec. 153

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-EXPCITE-

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Sec. 153. Embezzlement against estate

-STATUTE-

(a) Offense. - A person described in subsection (b) who knowingly and fraudulently appropriates to the person's own use, embezzles, spends, or transfers any property or secretes or destroys any document belonging to the estate of a debtor shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

(b) Person to Whom Section Applies. - A person described in this subsection is one who has access to property or documents belonging to an estate by virtue of the person's participation in the administration of the estate as a trustee, custodian, marshal, attorney, or other officer of the court or as an agent, employee, or other person engaged by such an officer to perform a service with respect to the estate.

-SOURCE-

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 690; Pub. L. 95-598, title III,

Sec. 314(a)(1), (d)(1), (2), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2676, 2677; Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXIII, Sec. 330016(1)(K), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2147; Pub. L. 103-394, title III, Sec. 312(a)(1)(A), Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4139; Pub. L. 104-294, title VI, Sec. 601(a)(1), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3497.)

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Minor changes were made in phraseology.

AMENDMENTS

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-End-

Sec. 154. Adverse interest and conduct of officers

18 USC Sec. 153

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-EXPCITE-

TITLE 18 - CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE PART I - CRIMES CHAPTER 9 - BANKRUPTCY

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(b) Person to Whom Section Applies. - A person described in this

subsection is one who has access to property or documents belonging to an estate by virtue of the person's participation in the administration of the estate as a trustee, custodian, marshal, attorney, or other officer of the court or as an agent, employee, or other person engaged by such an officer to perform a service with respect to the estate.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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-End-

Sec. 155. Fee agreements in cases under title 11 and receiverships

18 USC Sec. 153

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-EXPCITE-

TITLE 18 - CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE PART I - CRIMES CHAPTER 9 - BANKRUPTCY

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(b) Person to Whom Section Applies. - A person described in this subsection is one who has access to property or documents belonging to an estate by virtue of the person's participation in the administration of the estate as a trustee, custodian, marshal, attorney, or other officer of the court or as an agent, employee, or other person engaged by such an officer to perform a service with respect to the estate.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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SAVINGS PROVISION

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-End-

Sec. 156. Knowing disregard of bankruptcy law or rule [with BAPCPA amendment]

18 USC Sec. 156

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-EXPCITE-

TITLE 18 - CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE PART I - CRIMES CHAPTER 9 - BANKRUPTCY

-HEAD-

Sec. 156. Knowing disregard of bankruptcy law or rule

-STATUTE-

(a) Definitions. - In this section -

"(1) the term" $_1$ " bankruptcy petition preparer" means a person, other than the

debtor's attorney or an employee of such an attorney, who

prepares for compensation a document for filing "; and

"(2) the term" "document for filing" means a petition or any other document

prepared for filing by a debtor in a United States bankruptcy court or a United States district court in connection with a case under title 11.

(b) Offense. - If a bankruptcy case or related proceeding is dismissed because of a knowing attempt by a bankruptcy petition

and

¹ [BAPCPA, PUBLIC LAW 109–8—APR. 20, 2005 119 STAT. 195

Section 156(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

⁽¹⁾ in the first undesignated paragraph—

⁽A) by inserting "(1) the term" before " 'bankruptcy";

⁽B) by striking the period at the end and inserting

[&]quot;; and"; and

⁽²⁾ in the second undesignated paragraph—

⁽A) by inserting "(2) the term" before " 'document"; and

⁽B) by striking "this title" and inserting "title 11".

preparer in any manner to disregard the requirements of title 11, United States Code, or the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the bankruptcy petition preparer shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

-SOURCE-

(Added Pub. L. 103-394, title III, Sec. 312(a)(1)(B), Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4140.)

-REFTEXT-

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, referred to in subsec. (b), are set out in the Appendix to Title 11, Bankruptcy.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 22, 1994, and not applicable with respect to cases commenced under Title 11, Bankruptcy, before Oct. 22, 1994, see section 702 of Pub. L. 103-394, set out as an Effective Date of 1994 Amendment note under section 101 of Title 11.

-End-

Sec. 157. Bankruptcy fraud [with BAPCPA amendment]

18 USC Sec. 157

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-EXPCITE-

TITLE 18 - CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE PART I - CRIMES CHAPTER 9 - BANKRUPTCY

-HEAD-

Sec. 157. Bankruptcy fraud

-STATUTE-

A person who, having devised or intending to devise a scheme or artifice to defraud and for the purpose of executing or concealing such a scheme or artifice or attempting to do so -

(1) files a petition under title 11; ", including a fraudulent involuntary bankruptcy petition under section 303 of such title" 2

(2) files a document in a proceeding under title 11; or(3) makes a false or fraudulent representation, claim, orpromise concerning or in relation to a proceeding under title 11, at any time before or after the filing of the petition, or inrelation to a proceeding falsely asserted to be pending under such title,

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

-SOURCE-

(Added Pub. L. 103-394, title III, Sec. 312(a)(1)(B), Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4140.)

-MISC1-

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 22, 1994, and not applicable with respect to cases commenced under Title 11, Bankruptcy, before Oct. 22, 1994, see section 702 of Pub. L. 103-394, set out as an Effective Date of 1994 Amendment note under section 101 of Title 11.

-SECREF-

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS This section is referred to in section 1961 of this title.

² [BAPCPA, PUBLIC LAW 109–8—APR. 20, 2005 119 STAT. 103 (c) BANKRUPTCY FRAUD.—Section 157 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting ", including a fraudulent involuntary bankruptcy petition under section 303 of such title" after "title 11".]

-End-

Sec. 158. Designation of United States attorneys and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to address abusive reaffirmations of debt and materially fraudulent statements in bankruptcy schedules [introduced by BAPCPA of 2005]

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BAPCPA Sec. 203(b)(1)

§ 158. Designation of United States attorneys and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to address abusive reaffirmations of debt and materially fraudulent statements in bankruptcy schedules

"(a) IN GENERAL. — The Attorney General of the United States shall designate the individuals described in subsection (b) to have primary responsibility in carrying out enforcement activities in addressing violations of section 152 or 157 relating to abusive reaffirmations of debt. In addition to addressing the violations referred to in the preceding sentence, the individuals described under subsection (b) shall address violations of section 152 or 157 relating to materially fraudulent statements in bankruptcy schedules that are intentionally false or intentionally misleading.

"(b) UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS AND AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. — The individuals referred to in subsection (a) are —

"(1) the United States attorney for each judicial district of the United States; and

"(2) an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for each field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"(c) BANKRUPTCY INVESTIGATIONS. – Each United States attorney designated under this section shall, in addition to any other responsibilities, have primary responsibility for carrying out the duties of a United States attorney under section 3057.

"(d) BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURES. – The bankruptcy courts shall establish procedures for referring any case that may contain a materially fraudulent statement in a bankruptcy schedule to the individuals designated under this section.".

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT. – The table of sections for chapter 9 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"158. Designation of United States attorneys and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to address abusive reaffirmations of debt and materially fraudulent statements in bankruptcy schedules.".