

104TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R. 3166**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 18, 1996

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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**AN ACT**

To amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to  
the crime of false statement in a Government matter.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Government Account-  
3 ability Act of 1996”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESTORATION OF FALSE STATEMENT PENALTIES.**

5 Section 1001 of title 18, United States Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 **“§ 1001. Statements or entries generally**

8 “(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
9 whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the exec-  
10 utive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of  
11 the United States, knowingly and willfully—

12 “(1) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any  
13 trick, scheme, or device a material fact;

14 “(2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or  
15 fraudulent statement or representation; or

16 “(3) makes or uses any false writing or docu-  
17 ment knowing the same to contain any materially  
18 false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry;

19 shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than  
20 5 years, or both.

21 “(b) Subsection (a) does not apply—

22 “(1) to a party to a judicial proceeding, or that  
23 party’s counsel, for statements, representations,  
24 writings or documents submitted by such party or  
25 counsel to a judge in that proceeding; or

26 “(2) to—

1                         “(A) any non-administrative matter; or  
2                         “(B) any investigative matter, other than  
3                         with respect to a person furnishing information  
4                         pursuant to a duly authorized investigation;  
5                         within the jurisdiction of an entity within the legisla-  
6                         tive branch.”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 17, 1996.

Attest: ROBIN H. CARLE,  
*Clerk.*

By LINDA NAVE,  
*Deputy Clerk.*