



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2115

public employees; misappropriation; penalty
Prime Sponsor: Representative Petersen, LD 12

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OVERVIEW

HB 2115 bars public officers or employees found to misappropriate public monies from receiving any benefits or severance pay.

PROVISIONS

1. States that any public officer or employee of a public agency found to have misappropriated public monies is not eligible to receive any severance pay, annuity payments, pension benefits or any other benefits provided by the public agency.
2. Requires each public agency to include a clause in any new employment contract entered into that prohibits a public officer or employee who misappropriates public monies from receiving any benefits or severance.
3. Renames the article heading.

CURRENT LAW

Public officer includes all elected and appointed officers of a public agency established by charter, ordinance, resolution, state constitution or statute. *Employee* means all non-public officers employed on a full-time, part-time or contract basis by an incorporated city or town, political subdivision or this state or any of its departments, commissions, agencies, bodies or boards for remuneration. *Public agency* is defined as: 1) all courts; 2) any department, agency, board, commission, institution, instrumentality, legislative or administrative body of this state, a county, an incorporated town or city and any other political subdivision; and 3) the state, county and incorporated cities or towns and any other political subdivisions ([A.R.S. § 38-502](#)).