**Section 530.225 Penalties**

a) *Any person who:*

1) *files a fraudulent claim for a grant under the Act; or*

2) *for compensation prepares a claim for this program and knowingly enters false information on the claim for a claimant or a beneficiary; or*

3) *fraudulently files multiple claims; or*

4) *fraudulently states that a nondisabled person is disabled is guilty of a Class 4 felony for the first offense and a Class 3 felony for each subsequent offense.* [320 ILCS 25/9]

b) Evidence of fraud includes, but is not limited to, false information in a claim and *proof that a claimant or beneficiary has acquired title to a residence or has paid rent for a residence primarily for the purpose of receiving a grant.* [320 ILCS 25/6(c)]

c) *The Department will* use balance due notices or offsets against future grants to *recover from any person any amount paid under this program on account of an erroneous or fraudulent claim, together with 6% interest per year.*

d) *A prosecution for violation of the provisions of the Act may be undertaken at any time within three years after the commission of that violation.* [320 ILCS 25/9]

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