

**10-117. Unlawful issue, diversion or misuse of bond proceeds or tax funds; penalties.** Any person who shall appropriate, use, or aid or abet in appropriating or using any of the funds procured by the sale of bonds by a municipality for any other purpose than that for which such bond issue was intended, or shall issue any refunding bonds in excess of the principal amount permitted by law, or shall misappropriate or use, or aid or abet in misappropriating or using, any of the funds raised by taxation for the purpose of paying the principal or interest of such bonds for any purpose other than paying such principal or interest, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, and in addition thereto may be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than three months nor more than twelve months, and shall also be liable in a civil action to the municipality issuing the bonds for the amount so misappropriated or used. Any officer of any municipality who shall be convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction of a misdemeanor as herein set out shall, in addition to the penalty or penalties herein prescribed, forfeit his or her office.

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