

## CHAPTER 11

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**CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE**

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**HOUSE BILL 00-1113**

BY REPRESENTATIVES Clapp, Allen, Dean, Decker, Hefley, McElhany, McKay, Nunez, Spence, Spradley, Stengel, and Tool;  
also SENATOR Epps.

**AN ACT**

CONCERNING THE PERJURY EXCEPTION FOR STATEMENTS MADE BY A DEFENDANT FALSELY DENYING  
GUILT IN A PREVIOUS PROSECUTION.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 18-8-507, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**18-8-507. Perjury and false swearing - previous criminal action.** No prosecution shall MAY be brought under ~~sections 18-8-502 to 18-8-504~~ SECTIONS 18-8-502, 18-8-503, OR 18-8-504 if the substance of the defendant's false statement is ~~a denial of his guilt~~ THE ENTRY OF A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY in a previous ~~trial~~ CRIMINAL ACTION in which he OR SHE was accused of an offense. ~~This section does not apply to a false denial of the fact of a previous conviction.~~

**SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, and shall apply to any violation of section 18-8-502, 18-8-503, or 18-8-504, Colorado Revised Statutes, committed on or after said date.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 10, 2000

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*