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Overview

The Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declaration Act affirms the use of unsworn declarations made by declarants who are physically outside the boundaries of the United States when making the declaration. It provides that if an unsworn declaration is made subject to penalties for perjury and contains the information in the model form, then the statement has the same effect as a sworn declaration. It excludes use of unsworn declarations for depositions, oaths of office, oaths required to be given before specified officials other than a notary, declarations recorded under certain real estate laws, oaths related to self-proved wills, and a power of attorney. Section 2 adds unsworn declarations under the Act to the crime of perjury which is a felony offense.