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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 37, L.D. 43, Bill, “An Act To Make False Claims of Military Service a Crime”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Specify That Theft by Deception Includes False Claims Regarding Military Service'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §354, sub-§2, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 383, §34 and affected by §156, is amended to read:

A. Creates or reinforces an impression that is false and that the person does not believe to be true, including false claims that the person is a veteran or a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a state military force and false impressions as to identity, law, value, knowledge, opinion, intention or other state of mind; except that an intention not to perform a promise, or knowledge that a promise will not be performed, may not be inferred from the fact alone that the promise was not performed;

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §509, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Release of information about military status; false claims. Upon request by a law enforcement officer or a prosecutor, the bureau may release information regarding a person's military service for the purposes of investigating alleged false claims of service or decoration awarded for service in the Armed Forces of the United States or a state military force.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. Its specifies that theft by deception includes a person claiming falsely that the person is a veteran or a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a state military force. It also provides that upon request by a law

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1 enforcement officer or a prosecutor, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency
2 Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services may release information regarding a
3 person's military service for the purposes of investigating alleged false claims of service
4 or decoration awarded for service in the Armed Forces of the United States or a state
5 military force.