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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 354, L.D. 461, Bill, “An Act To Impose a Penalty for Making False Claims Regarding Military Service”

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**'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §354, sub-§2, ¶A,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 383, §34 and affected by §156, is amended to read: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 has been awarded military decorations, medals or awards, 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;'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and replaces the bill. It specifies that theft by deception includes a person claiming falsely that the person has been awarded military decorations, medals or awards.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**