

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

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H.P. 37 - L.D. 43

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

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §354, sub-§2, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 383, §34 and affected by §156, is amended to read: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

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.