

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE

H.P. 1201 - L.D. 1595

An Act To Impose a Penalty for Making False Claims Regarding Affiliation
with a Federally Recognized Tribe

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1637 is enacted to read:

§1637. False claims of membership in federally recognized tribe in the State

1. Prohibition. A person may not:

A. Knowingly claim falsely to be a member of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation;

B. Have the intent to obtain property to which the person is not entitled by making the claim under paragraph A; and

C. Obtain property to which the person is not entitled by making the claim under paragraph A.

2. Penalty. A person that violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$2,500 may be adjudged.

3. Definition. For purposes of this section, "property" has the same meaning as set forth in Title 17-A, section 352, subsection 1.

In House of Representatives, 2012

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... Speaker

In Senate, 2012

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... President

Approved 2012

..... Governor