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H.P. 1712

House of Representatives, January 10, 2000

An Act Concerning Offensive Names.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and

Representatives: BULL of Freeport, DAVIS of Falmouth, GERRY of Auburn, GOODWIN of
Pembroke, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, SHOREY of Calais, TRUE of Fryeburg,
TWOMEY of Biddeford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1101, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 259,
§1, is amended to read:

6 **1. Offensive name.** "Offensive name" means a name of a place
which includes the designation "nigger" or the designation
8 "squaw" as a separate word or as part of a word.

10 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill expands the law prohibiting the use of offensive
14 names to designate places to also prohibit the use of the word
"squaw."