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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 2, 2009

### **An Act To Fully Implement the Legislative Intent in Prohibiting Offensive Place Names**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation.  
Cosponsored by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Senator  
SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and Representatives: GOODE of Bangor, HUNT of Buxton,  
KRUGER of Thomaston, PERRY of Calais, PRIEST of Brunswick, RUSSELL of Portland,  
STEVENS of Bangor, WELSH of Rockport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1101, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 471, Pt. D, §3, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **1. Offensive name.** "Offensive name" means a name of a place that includes:

5 A. The designation "nigger" or "squaw" or any derivation of "squaw" or "squa" as a  
6 separate word or as part of a word; or phrase.

7 ~~B. The designation "squa" as a separate word.~~

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#### SUMMARY

9 This bill clarifies the law concerning offensive place names prohibiting the use of  
10 terminology degrading towards women by prohibiting any derivation of "squaw" or  
11 "squa" as a separate word or as part of a word or phrase.