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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 37, L.D. 43, Bill, "An Act To Make False Claims of Military Service a Crime"

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**'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §354, sub-§2, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 383, §34 and affected by §156, is amended to read:**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

**Sec. 2. 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.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. Its specifies that theft by deception includes a person claiming falsely that the person is a veteran or a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a state military force. It also provides that upon request by a law

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1 enforcement officer or a prosecutor, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency  
2 Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services may release information regarding a  
3 person's military service for the purposes of investigating alleged false claims of service  
4 or decoration awarded for service in the Armed Forces of the United States or a state  
5 military force.