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LD 2418 / HP1712

An Act Concerning Offensive Names. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) 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. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearing 01/28/00. Majority (OTP-AM) Accepted 03/16/00. Amended by: CA H-873. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/03/00, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 613.

Original Bill

[LD 2418 \(119th Legis. 2000\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

[LD 2418 / PL 1999, c. 613](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf119-LD-2418.pdf)

New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-873\) \(LD 2418 2000\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, January 12, 2000 \(H1725-1738\)](#)

- p. H-1730

[SENATE, January 12, 2000 \(S1601-1617\)](#)

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[HOUSE, March 15, 2000 \(H1948-1967\)](#)

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[HOUSE, March 15, 2000 \(H1948-1967\)](#)

- p. H-1959 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p 1967)) (Amendment(s) H-873)

[HOUSE, March 16, 2000 \(H1968-1991\)](#)

- p. H-1991 (Remarks (in passing))

[SENATE, March 16, 2000 \(S1806-1826\)](#)

- p. S-1811 (Amendment(s) H-873)

[SENATE, March 21, 2000 \(S1827-1841\)](#)

- p. S-1834 (Amendment(s) H-873)

[HOUSE, March 23, 2000 \(H2024-2051\)](#)

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[SENATE, March 27, 2000 \(S1863-1885\)](#)

- p. S-1875 (Amendment(s) H-873)

Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 1999, c. 613](#)

Reports and Other Related Documents

[Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission. A Report to Governors, Chiefs, and Tribal Legislative Representatives \(November 22, 2000\)](#)

News Articles

Delegate tries anew to ban use of 'squaw' (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Press Herald, 11/11/1999) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD24xx/nc119-LD-2418/SB1191533.pdf)

Squaw "bill may outlaw place name" (AuClair, Suzanne) (Piscataquis Observer, 11/17/1999) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD24xx/nc119-LD-2418/SB1191534.pdf)

Legislators agree to debate state ban on use of 'squaw' (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Press Herald, 11/17/1999) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD24xx/nc119-LD-2418/SB1191562.pdf)

Legislature to weigh American Indian bill (Graettinger, Diana) (Bangor Daily News, 11/18/1999) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD24xx/nc119-LD-2418/SB1191560.pdf)

King sympathetic to effort to change 'Squaw' names (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 11/23/1999) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD24xx/nc119-LD-2418/SB1191535.pdf)

'Squaw' humiliating, say Indian women (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Press Herald, 1/29/2000) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD24xx/nc119-LD-2418/SB119700.pdf)

Bill would ban use of word 'squaw' (Meara, Emmet) (Bangor Daily News, 1/30/2000) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD24xx/nc119-LD-2418/SB119085.pdf)

Panel votes to pull 'squaw' off Maine map (Meara, Emmet) (Bangor Daily News, 2/5/2000) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD24xx/nc119-LD-2418/SB119129.pdf)

Panel backs bill to drop 'squaw' from place names (Quinn, Francis X.) (Morning Sentinel, 2/5/2000) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD24xx/nc119-LD-2418/SB119120.pdf)

Panel: Outlaw 'squaw' in names (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Press Herald, 2/5/2000) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD24xx/nc119-LD-2418/SB119121.pdf)

House gives 'squaw' ban initial OK (Adams, Glenn) (Kennebec Journal, 3/16/2000) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD24xx/nc119-LD-2418/SB119773.pdf)

- House says take 'squaw' off the map (Carrier, Paul) (Portland Press Herald, 3/16/2000) •
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- Senate passes 'squaw' bill within seconds (Meara, Emmet) (Bangor Daily News, 3/17/2000)
• (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD24xx/nc119-LD-2418/SB119376.pdf)
- King signs ceremonial signing of 'squaw' bill (Adams, Glenn) (Journal Tribune, 3/31/2000) •
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- 'Squaw' measure signed (Sharp, David) (Bangor Daily News, 4/4/2000) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 119/LD24xx/nc119-LD-2418/SB119484.pdf)

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