

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

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S.P. 412 - L.D. 1160

**An Act To Make Possession of a Firearm with an Altered or Obscured Serial
Number a Class C Crime**

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §705, as amended by PL 1979, c. 129, is further amended to read:

§705. Criminal simulation

1. A person is guilty of criminal simulation if:

A. With intent to defraud, ~~he~~ the person makes or alters any property so that it appears to have an age, rarity, quality, composition, source or authorship ~~which that~~ it does not in fact possess; or, with knowledge of its true character and with intent to defraud, ~~he~~ the person transfers or possesses property so simulated. A violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime; ~~or~~

B. In return for a pecuniary benefit;

(1) ~~he~~ The person authors, prepares, writes, sells, transfers or possesses with intent to sell or transfer, an essay, term paper or other manuscript knowing that it will be, or believing that it probably will be, submitted by another person in satisfaction of a course, credit or degree requirement at a university or other degree, diploma or certificate-granting educational institution. A violation of this subparagraph is a Class E crime; or

(2) ~~he~~ The person takes an examination for another person in satisfaction of a course, credit or degree requirement at a university or other degree, diploma or certificate-granting educational institution. A violation of this subparagraph is a Class E crime;

C. ~~He~~ The person knowingly makes, gives or exhibits a false pedigree in writing of any animal. A violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime; ~~or~~

D. With intent to defraud and to prevent identification:

(1) ~~He~~ The person alters, removes or obscures the manufacturer's serial number or any other distinguishing identification number, mark or symbol upon any automobile, snowmobile, outboard motor, motorboat, aircraft or any other vehicle or upon any machine, ~~firearm~~ or other object, other than a firearm. A violation of this subparagraph is a Class E crime; or

(2) ~~He~~ The person possesses any such object or any such item after that number has been altered, removed or obscured. A violation of this subparagraph is a Class E crime; or

E. With intent to defraud or to prevent identification:

(1) The person alters, removes or obscures the manufacturer's make, model or serial number on any firearm. A violation of this subparagraph is a Class C crime; or

(2) The person possesses a firearm altered as set out in subparagraph (1) or intentionally or knowingly transports any such firearm. A violation of this subparagraph is a Class C crime.

~~2. Criminal simulation is a Class E crime.~~