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An Act To Impose a Penalty for Making False Claims Regarding Affiliation with a Federally Recognized Tribe

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §909 is enacted to read:

§ 909. Fraudulent claim of affiliation with a federally recognized tribe

- 1.** A person is guilty of fraudulent claim of affiliation with a federally recognized tribe if the person:
 - A.** Knowingly claims falsely to be affiliated with a federally recognized tribe;
 - B.** Has the intent to obtain by making the claim under paragraph A something of value to which the person is not entitled; and
 - C.** Obtains by making the claim under paragraph A something of value to which the person is not entitled.
- 2.** Fraudulent claim of affiliation with a federally recognized tribe is a Class E crime.

SUMMARY

This bill creates the crime of fraudulent claim of affiliation with a federally recognized tribe for when a person knowingly claims falsely to be affiliated with a federally recognized tribe with the intent to obtain, and does obtain, something of value to which the person is not entitled.