

**§553-A. Illegal payment with respect to an adoption**

1. A person is guilty of illegal payment with respect to an adoption if that person:

A. Is the parent of a child or is a person whose consent is required pursuant to Title 18-C, section 9-302 and, in return for placing that child for adoption, intentionally or knowingly solicits or receives monetary payment or other valuable consideration that is not authorized by Title 18-C, section 9-306; or [PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §33 (AMD); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

B. With the intent of adopting a child, intentionally or knowingly provides, or offers to provide, the parent of that child or the person whose consent is required pursuant to Title 18-C, section 9-302 with monetary payment or other valuable consideration that is not authorized by Title 18-C, section 9-306. [PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §33 (AMD); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

[PL 2015, c. 233, §1 (NEW); PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §33 (AMD); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

2. Violation of this section is a Class D crime.

[PL 2015, c. 233, §1 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2015, c. 233, §1 (NEW). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §33 (AMD). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

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