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An Act To Fully Implement the Legislative Intent in Prohibiting Offensive Place Names

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1101, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2001, c. 471, Pt. D, §3, is further amended to read:

1. Offensive name. "Offensive name" means a name of a place that includes:

A. The designation "nigger" or "squaw" or any derivation of "squaw" or "squa" as a separate word or as part of a word; or phrase.

B. ~~The designation "squa" as a separate word.~~

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies the law concerning offensive place names prohibiting the use of terminology degrading towards women by prohibiting any derivation of "squaw" or "squa" as a separate word or as part of a word or phrase.