

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

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H.P. 812 - L.D. 1179

An Act To Prohibit Certain Payments with Respect to an Adoption

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §553-A is enacted to read:

§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-A, 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-A, section 9-306; or

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-A, section 9-302 with monetary payment or other valuable consideration that is not authorized by Title 18-A, section 9-306.

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