**§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).]

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