

Law Warns Against False Indian Crafts

The Act of Congress which created the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, specifies as follows:

"Sec. 6. Whoever willfully offers or displays for sale any goods, with or without any Government trade mark as Indian products or Indian products of a particular Indian tribe or group, resident within the United States or the Territory of Alaska, when such person knows such goods are not Indian products or are not Indian products of the particular Indian tribe or group, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both."

Evidence of violations of Section 6 of the Act should be directed to the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240. Cases of misrepresentation may also be reported to the Federal Trade Commission, Pennsylvania Avenue at 6th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

WHICH STATES HAVE LEGISLATION

Reports of violations of these laws and requests for additional information should be directed in writing to the following addresses:

ALASKA: Attorney General, State of Alaska, Juneau, Alaska. Refer to Chapter 153 (House Bill No. 465): "Relating to the identification of authentic Native articles of handicraft made in Alaska."

ARIZONA: Attorney General, 33 West State Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. Refer to Chapter 94 (House Bill No. 40): "Relating to the sale of imitation American Indian articles as genuine; and providing a penalty for the sale thereof."

CALIFORNIA: Attorney General, State Capitol Building, Sacramento, California. Refer to Chapter 996 (Assembly Bill No. 487): "Relating to American Indian-made articles."

COLORADO: Attorney Gen-

eral, Capitol Building, Denver, Colorado. Refer to Chapter 108 (House Bill No. 87): "Relating to articles handcrafted by American Indians."

NEW MEXICO: Attorney General, State Capitol Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Refer to Chapter 133 (House Bill No. 52): "Regulating the retail sale of authentic and imitation Indian arts and crafts to prevent misrepresentation in the sale thereof; requiring labeling of imitation Indian arts and crafts and providing a penalty for violation."

SOUTH DAKOTA: Attorney General, State of South Dakota, Pierre, South Dakota. Refer to Chapter 60 (House Bill No. 544): "Prohibiting sales of Indian arts and crafts unless labeled."