

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Berman of Houlton.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Providing for Training in Safe Handling of Firearms by Certain  
Minors.**

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

**R. S., c. 37, § 84-A, additional.** Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended by adding a new section 84-A, to read as follows:

**'Handling of Firearms by Minors.**

**Sec. 84-A. Certificate of competency required for certain minors.** On and after January 1, 1964 no hunting license shall be issued to any resident person between the ages of 16 and 19 unless he presents to the person authorized to issue such license either evidence that he held a hunting license issued under this chapter effective for the year prior to application, or a certificate of competency as provided under this section, or satisfactory proof that he is or has been a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States including any women's auxiliary unit.

The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game is authorized to establish a program for training persons in the safe handling of firearms and for this purpose may cooperate with any public or private association or organization having as one of its objectives the promotion of safety in firearms handling. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game shall prescribe the type of instruction, qualifications of the instructors and time and place of examination, the successful completion of which shall qualify a person for said certificate of competency.

Each instructor authorized by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and

**Game to conduct the program for training in safe handling of firearms by minors shall be covered by liability insurance protecting him from liability for damages during the time when instruction is being furnished. The cost of such insurance shall be borne by the State and shall be a charge against the funds credited to the department.'**