

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Model Rocketry.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 6, c. 17, additional.** Title 6 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 17, to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 17**

**MODEL ROCKETS**

§ 301. Definition

As used in this chapter, "model rocket" means an aeromodel that ascends into the air without use of aerodynamic lifting forces against gravity, is constructed of wood, plastic, paper, rubber or similar materials, contains a means or retarding descent to the ground, weighs no more than 16 ounces, and is propelled by means of a model rocket engine. "Model rocket engine" means a commercially manufactured solid propellant device, containing no more than 4 ounces of propellant materials, which provides the necessary force to cause a model rocket to move through the air.

§ 302. Sales

No model rocket engine may be sold in this State unless it has been certified by the National Association of Rocketry, NAR, for sales and use throughout the State.

1. **Exception.** No municipality shall prohibit the sale or use of model rocket engines when said engines are certified by the NAR and said use is in compliance with this chapter.

**§ 303. Launchings**

Model rockets may be launched only in a location, not otherwise restricted by law, which will not result in a hazard to persons or property. Such launchings must be by remote means, within 30° of the vertical, when winds are not excessive, when visibility is good, and when in compliance with Federal Aviation Agency regulations.

**§ 304. Prohibitions**

The following activities are prohibited: Tampering with or making use of a model rocket engine in a manner contrary to the purpose for which such engine is designed so as to endanger persons or property, using model rocket engines for pyrotechnic purposes, and launching any type of explosive or warhead in a model rocket.

**§ 305. Exemptions**

This chapter shall not apply to those parties exempted from chapter 15.

**§ 306. Enforcement**

Inspectors, when so designated by the Aeronautical Director shall have, in any part of the State, the same authority to enforce the violation of any provision of this chapter as sheriffs, policemen and constables have in their respective jurisdictions.

**§ 307. Penalty**

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 6, § 276, amended. Section 276 of Title 6 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read as follows: This chapter shall not apply to model rockets and model rocket engines as defined in section 301.