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House of Representatives, March 22, 1993

An Act to Exempt Owners of Shooting Ranges from any Civil or Criminal Action Relating to Noise Pollution.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARSH of West Gardiner. Cosponsored by Representative: MORRISON of Bangor.

Be it e	nacted b	y the	People of	the Stat	te of N	Maine a	s follows:
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Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §169 is enacted to read:

§169. General immunity for noise

A person who owns a shooting range for use of a rifle, pistol, silhouette, skeet, trap, blackpowder or other type of shooting equipment is exempt and immune from civil or criminal prosecution in any matter relating to noise or noise pollution resulting from the normal and accepted shooting activity at the shooting range, as long as the owner of the range is operating in compliance with any noise control law or ordinance in effect at the time construction of the shooting range was initiated.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill holds owners of shooting ranges exempt and immune from civil and criminal prosecution for matters relating to noise or noise pollution at the shooting range, as long as the shooting range operates in compliance with noise control laws or ordinances in effect when the shooting range was constructed.