

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 261

H.P. 202

House of Representatives, January 27, 1995

An Act to Exempt Rifle and Pistol Ranges from Noise Ordinances.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, JACQUES of Waterville, KEANE of Old Town, ROSEBUSH of East Millinocket, ROTONDI of Madison, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, UNDERWOOD of Oxford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §169** is enacted to read:

6 **§169. General immunity for noise**

8 A person who owns a shooting range for use of a rifle, a
10 pistol or silhouette, skeet, trap, blackpowder or other shooting
12 equipment is exempt and immune from civil or criminal prosecution
in any matter relating to noise or noise pollution if the
shooting range does not generate a sound level in excess of 68
decibels.

14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

16 This bill holds owners of shooting ranges exempt and immune
18 from civil and criminal prosecution for matters relating to noise
20 or noise pollution at the shooting range as long as the shooting
range does not generate a sound level in excess of 68 decibels.