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S.P. 412

In Senate, March 31, 2015

**An Act To Make Possession of a Firearm with an Altered or
Obscured Serial Number a Class C Crime**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DION of Portland and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec,
Representatives: BATES of Westbrook, GATTINE of Westbrook, McCABE of Skowhegan,
PARRY of Arundel.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §705, sub-§1, ¶D**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c.
3 129, is amended to read:

4 D. With intent to defraud and to prevent identification:

5 (1) ~~He~~ The person alters, removes or obscures the manufacturer's serial number
6 or any other distinguishing identification number, mark or symbol upon any
7 automobile, snowmobile, outboard motor, motorboat, aircraft or any other
8 vehicle or upon any machine, ~~firearm~~ or other object; or

9 (2) ~~He~~ The person possesses any such object or any such item after that number
10 has been altered, removed or obscured.

11 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §705, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

12 **3. Criminal simulation that involves the possession or transportation of a firearm**
13 **with the manufacturer's make, model or serial number altered, removed or obscured is a**
14 **Class C crime.**

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill changes criminal simulation involving the possession or transportation of a
17 firearm with the manufacturer's make, model or serial number altered, removed or
18 obscured from a Class E crime to a Class C crime.