

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 18, 2025

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**An Act to Reduce Gun Violence Casualties in Maine by Prohibiting  
the Possession of Large-capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BECK of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and  
Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden, GRAMLICH of Old  
Orchard Beach, KUHN of Falmouth, PUGH of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1060** is enacted to read:

3 **§1060. Large-capacity ammunition feeding devices**

4 1. A person is guilty of possession of a large-capacity ammunition feeding device if  
5 that person knowingly manufactures, imports, purchases, possesses, sells, offers or  
6 transfers ownership of a large-capacity ammunition feeding device.

7 2. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms  
8 have the following meanings.

9 A. "Large-capacity ammunition feeding device" means a magazine, belt, drum, box,  
10 tube, feed strip or similar device that has a capacity of, or that can be readily restored  
11 or converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

12 B. "Federally licensed firearm dealer" means a person or firm that is licensed or is  
13 required to be licensed as a dealer under 18 United States Code, Section 923(a).

14 3. A person who violates subsection 1 commits a Class D crime.

15 4. This section does not apply to:

16 A. A person who, on the effective date of this section, lawfully possesses a large-  
17 capacity ammunition feeding device as long as within 180 days of the effective date of  
18 this section the person:

19 (1) Permanently modifies the large-capacity ammunition feeding device so that it  
20 cannot hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition;

21 (2) Surrenders the large-capacity ammunition feeding device to the appropriate  
22 law enforcement agency designated by the Department of Public Safety to be  
23 destroyed in accordance with the department's procedures; or

24 (3) Transfers or sells the large-capacity ammunition feeding device to a federally  
25 licensed firearm dealer outside the State that is lawfully entitled to own or possess  
26 such a device;

27 B. An active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National  
28 Guard who is authorized to possess and carry a large-capacity ammunition feeding  
29 device;

30 C. An employed federal or state law enforcement officer who, whether on or off duty,  
31 is authorized to possess and carry a large-capacity ammunition feeding device;

32 D. A large-capacity ammunition feeding device that is manufactured or sold solely for  
33 use with a firearm that is determined to be a curio or relic, or antique, as those terms  
34 are defined in 27 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 478.11; or

35 E. A federally licensed firearm dealer temporarily transporting a large-capacity  
36 ammunition feeding device through the State to be sold or transferred to a person  
37 outside of the State.

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**SUMMARY**

2           This bill makes possession of a large-capacity ammunition feeding device a Class D  
3 crime. It provides that a person is guilty of possession of a large-capacity ammunition  
4 feeding device if the person knowingly manufactures, imports, purchases, possesses, sells,  
5 offers or transfers ownership of a large-capacity ammunition feeding device. It defines  
6 "large-capacity ammunition feeding device" to mean a magazine, belt, drum, box, tube,  
7 feed strip or similar device that has a capacity of, or that can be readily restored or converted  
8 to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition. It also provides certain exemptions.