

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 1089

H. D. No. 320

House of Representatives, March 10, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and
500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Kinsman of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Regulating the Possession of Firearms by Children.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter three hundred and two
2 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is
3 hereby amended by striking out all of said section and by
4 substituting therefor the following section:

'Section 1. Whoever sells or gives away an air rifle to
2 any child under the age of fourteen years shall be subject
3 to a penalty of not less than five nor more than twenty dol-
4 lars and costs for each offense. Provided, further, that if
5 any air rifle is found in possession of any child under four-
6 teen years of age in violation of this section the same shall
7 be forfeit and contraband and shall be seized by any person

8 authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws. Any
9 air rifle seized by virtue of this section shall forthwith be
10 forwarded to the commissioner of inland fisheries and game
11 at Augusta by the person seizing the same.'

Sect. 2. Section thirty-four of chapter one hundred and
2 twenty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking
3 out all of said section and by substituting therefor the fol-
4 lowing section:

'Sect. 34. No person, under a penalty of not more than
2 one hundred dollars and costs for each offense or imprison-
3 ment not exceeding thirty days shall give, furnish or sell
4 to any child under sixteen years of age any dangerous weap-
5 on or firearm except in cases where the parents, guardians,
6 teachers or instructors of children may furnish them, in
7 conformity with the laws of the state, with such weapons
8 for hunting or for target shooting outside the thickly settled
9 portion of any town or city, and then only when under the
10 personal supervision of a parent, guardian, teacher or in-
11 structor thereof, or where such weapons may be used in
12 any licensed shooting gallery.

'Provided, further, that if any firearm is found in posses-
2 sion of any child under sixteen years of age, in violation of
3 any provision of this section, the same shall be forfeit and
4 contraband and shall be seized by any person authorized to
5 enforce the inland fish and game laws.

'Any firearm seized by virtue of this section shall forth-
2 with be forwarded to the commissioner of inland fisheries
3 and game at Augusta by the person seizing the same.'