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**Legislative Document**

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H. P. 1083

House of Representatives, March 3, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wadleigh of Mt. Vernon by request.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT to Promote Safety with Firearms by School Instruction.**

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

R. S., c. 12, §§ 106-107, additional. Chapter 12 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 106 and 107, to read as follows:

**'School Instruction for Firearms**

Sec. 106. Instruction; certification. Each student attending a high school or secondary school shall receive not less than 2 hours instruction annually in the safe use of firearms. Such instruction shall include nomenclature, safe handling and the firing of not less than 50 shots from a rifle at targets.

Such instruction shall be given by instructors certified as competent by the National Rifle Association of America and under conditions customary for shooting safely. The range and range equipment shall be provided by each school respectively or jointly with another school or schools.

The adjutant-general shall issue 50 rounds of ammunition, caliber 22 long rifle, on requisition by the principal of a high or secondary school for each pupil properly certified as being required to shoot the same.

The principal of each high or secondary school shall certify the results of firing at his school and forward a list of scores made to the adjutant-general who shall retain such scores for 90 days.

Sec. 107. Penalty. The principal of each high or secondary school who has failed to comply with the above section shall forfeit \$50 for each month over 12 that a school under his jurisdiction has failed to instruct its pupils in the safe handling of firearms as required above. All money received under this section shall be used for proper and safe instruction of pupils who failed to receive the same under the provisions of the preceding section.'