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House of Representatives, February 11, 1959

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ervin of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Prohibiting Certain Dangerous Knives.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 137, § 20-A, additional. Chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new section to be numbered 20-A, to read as follows:

'Dangerous Knives

Sec. 20-A. Dangerous knives. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to manufacture, or cause to be manufactured, possess, display, offer, sell, lend, give away or purchase any knife which has a blade which opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife; or any knife having a blade which opens or falls or is ejected into position by the force of gravity, or by an outward, downward or centrifugal thrust or movement. Violation of this section shall, upon conviction, be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500 or by imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or by both.'

Sec. 2. Application. Within 30 days after the effective date of this act such knives are to be surrendered to any police officer.