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CHAPTER 254

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AN ACT to Enable Law Enforcement Agencies
to Dispose of Certain Property.

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §3501, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 558, is amended to read:

§3501. Application of chapter

This chapter shall apply to all personal property of which possession is transferred to a police department or other law enforcement agency of the State or any political subdivision thereof, under circumstances supporting a reasonable belief that such property was abandoned, lost or stolen, or otherwise illegally possessed, except property seized during search and retained and ultimately returned, destroyed or otherwise disposed of pursuant to a court order or some other law hereafter applicable to specific property or circumstance. This chapter shall apply to personal property seized during search and retained which is not offered or admitted as evidence and which, after retention by a police department or other law enforcement agency, becomes abandoned.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §3503-A is enacted to read:

§3503-A. Disposal of firearms and ammunition

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a police department or other law enforcement agency retaining firearms and ammunition covered by this chapter may auction the firearms to federally-licensed firearms' dealers, use the firearms and ammunition for training purposes or destroy the firearms and ammunition.

Effective September 23, 1983.
