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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 588

House of Representatives, January 30, 1963

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cookson of Glenburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Instruction to Minors in Firearms Safety.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 84-A, additional. Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended by adding a new section 84-A, to read as follows:

'Firearms Safety.

Sec. 84-A. Firearms safety. On and after January 1, 1964, no person under 18 years of age who has not previously been licensed to hunt with firearms in Maine shall be issued a hunting license, unless he presents to the person authorized to issue such license a certificate of competency as prescribed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game.

The commissioner is authorized to establish a course of instruction in the safe handling of firearms. Such course of instruction shall be at least the minimum 4-hour course prescribed by the National Rifle Association of America, or its equivalent, and must be approved by the commissioner and his advisory council.

The successful completion of a prescribed course shall qualify a person for said certificate of competency.

Each instructor authorized by the commissioner to conduct firearms safety courses shall be covered by liability insurance, protecting him or her from any liability for damages during the time when such instruction is being furnished. The cost of such insurance shall be borne by the State, and shall be charged against the funds of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.'