

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 13, 1965

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

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ross of Brownville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Sale or Inhaling of Certain Glue Vapors.

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

R. S., T. 17, c. 112, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 112, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 112

SALE OR INHALING OF GLUE VAPORS

Sec. 3475. Definitions. As used in this chapter the phrase "glue containing a solvent having the property of releasing toxic vapors or fumes" shall mean and include any glue, cement or other adhesive containing one or more of the following chemical compounds: Acetone, an acetate, benzene, butyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol, ethylene dichloride, isopropyl alcohol, methyl alcohol, methyl ethyl ketone, pentachlorophenol, petroleum ether or toluene.

Sec. 3476. Inhalation. No person shall, for the purpose of causing a condition of intoxication, inebriation, excitement, stupefaction or the dulling of his brain or nervous system, intentionally smell or inhale the fumes from any glue containing a solvent having the property of releasing toxic vapors or fumes. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as applying to the inhalation of any anesthesia for medical or dental purposes.

Sec. 3477. Use or possession. No person shall, for the purpose of violating section 3476, use or possess for the purpose of so using, any glue containing a solvent having the property of releasing toxic vapors or fumes.

Sec. 3478. Sale. No person, except a person who is, at the time of such sale, actually employed by or engaged in operating a bona fide commercial establish-

ment at a fixed location, shall sell to any other person any tube or other container of glue containing a solvent having the property of releasing toxic vapors or fumes, and all sales of such glue not made in or from such an establishment are prohibited.

Sec. 3479. Minors. No person shall sell, give or otherwise transfer to any other person under the age of 18, except with the written consent of the parent or guardian of such other person, any glue containing a solvent having the property of releasing toxic vapors or fumes. Nothing in this chapter shall be considered applicable to the sale of a model kit containing as a part thereof a tube or other container of any such glue, nor shall this chapter be considered applicable to the sale of a tube or other container of any such glue immediately in conjunction with the sale of a model kit requiring the use of approximately such quantity of glue for the assembly of a model. Nothing in this chapter shall be applicable to the transfer of a tube or other container of such glue from a parent to his child or from a guardian to his ward.

Sec. 3480. Identification. Each person who, in one transaction, or in 2 or more transactions closely connected in time, sells to any other person 2 or more containers of glue containing a solvent having the property of releasing toxic vapors or fumes shall upon the occurrence of such transaction or upon the occurrence of the 2nd or subsequent transaction, as the case may be, require such other person to exhibit means of identification of himself, and shall record in a register conforming with requirements as shall be established by the Attorney General the name, address and description of such other person. Such record shall be kept for a period of not less than 6 months, and shall be available for inspection during normal business hours by duly authorized law enforcement officers.

Sec. 3481. Penalty. Whoever violates this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both.'