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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 579

S. P. 198

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Glass of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Possession of Firearms by Felons.

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

- Sec. 1. R. S., T. 15, § 392, amended. Section 392 of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:
- 'Sec. 392. Application. The penal provisions of section 393 shall not apply to any person commissioned as a peace law enforcement officer or employed as a guard or watchman nor to any person who has not been convicted of a penal offense during the 5-year period next immediately following his discharge or release from prison.'
- Sec. 2. R. S., T. 15, § 393, amended. Section 393 of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:
- 'Sec. 393. Possession forbidden. It shall be unlawful for a period of 5 years following his discharge or release from prison or termination of probation for any person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of the United States or of the State of Maine, or of any other state, to have in his actual or constructive possession any pistol, revolver or any other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person. Such a person convicted of any offense, except misdemeanors, the maximum punishment for which is a fine of \$100 or less, or imprisonment for 90 days or less, during the 5-year period, shall be forever barred from having in his actual or constructive possession any of the weapons described herein. Anyone violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 5 years.'