

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Regulating Handguns.**

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

R. S., T. 30, c. 215, sub-c. IV-A, additional. Chapter 215 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subchapter IV-A to read as follows:

**SUBCHAPTER IV-A**

**HANDGUNS**

§ 2661. Regulated

No person, firm or corporation in any municipality shall sell to any person any handgun except in accordance with this subchapter.

§ 2662. Defined

A handgun shall mean a firearm having a barrel length of less than 15 inches and designed and intended to be fired with one hand, using fixed ammunition.

§ 2663. Certificate

Such person, firm or corporation shall require the person seeking to purchase such handgun to sign a certificate containing the following information:

Name ..... Driver's License No. ....

or

Date of Birth ..... Draft Card No. ....

Address ..... How long at such address .....

Occupation ..... Present Employer .....

Sex ..... Ht. .... Wgt. .... Color hair ..... Color Eyes .....

Distinguishing Marks .....

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? .....

If so, description thereof .....

Are you now under complaint or indictment for a felony? .....

If so, description thereof .....

Signature .....

§ 2664. Examination of records

Such person, firm or corporation shall deliver such certificate to the chief of police of the municipality, or his duly authorized representative, and said chief of police or his duly authorized representative shall have 72 hours after signing of said certificate to make an examination of the records contained in the police department of the municipality and in State Police headquarters to determine from such records whether or not the person signing such certificate has been convicted of, or is under complaint or indictment for, a felony.

§ 2665. Application

This subchapter shall not apply to transactions between licensed gundealers.

§ 2666. Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation selling a handgun to any person before the expiration of said 72 hours or when notified within said period by the chief of police, or his authorized representative, that a person signing such certificate has been convicted of, or is under complaint or indictment for, a felony shall, on conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

Any person who signs a certificate containing false information for the purpose of complying with this subchapter shall, on conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.