

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 537

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S. P. 192

In Senate, February 1, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cummings of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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AN ACT Relating to Dealers in Antiques.

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

R. S., T. 32, c. 2-B, additional. Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 2-B, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2-B

ANTIQUE DEALERS

§ 81. Antique dealers

Any person, group or business engaged in the purchase or selling, or both, of antiques of any kind or description will be known as dealers and will register with the Secretary of State and make application to the division of sales tax for a seller's certificate. The dealers shall maintain records of any sale or purchase, listing the name, residence, sales tax number and motor vehicle registration of the seller and a description of the items transacted for. These records shall be made available upon request to the law enforcement officers of the respective county or political subdivision. Failure to maintain proper records shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$200.

Any dealer of antiques engaging in the sale or purchase, or both, of any firearm not considered of antique vintage shall maintain proper records as prescribed by Title 15, section 455. A weapon of antique vintage will be one not firing a cartridge type missile and commonly referred to as a muzzle loader weapon. Failure to maintain records shall be punishable according to Title 15, section 455.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that antique dealers keep records and thereby aid in preventing stolen merchandise from getting in the business market.

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