

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 295**

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H. P. 239 House of Representatives, January 22, 1975  
Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and  
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Farnham of Hampden.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT** Relating to the Sale or Possession of Commercial Slingshots and  
the Possession of Pellet Guns in Motor Vehicles.

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

17 MRSA, §§ 2509 and 2510 are enacted to read:

§ 2509. Possession of pellet gun in motor vehicle

Whoever is in possession of an air rifle or pellet gun, so called, which has any missile in the magazine or chamber thereof, in a motor vehicle, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.

§ 2510. Sale or possession of slingshots

No person, firm or corporation shall sell, offer for sale or possess a commercially manufactured slingshot, so called. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The reasons for this bill are:

1. Numerous instances of such weapons being used from motor vehicles to break windows and damage other property make this bill necessary as an enforcement tool for police officers.

2. The extensive use of these powerful slingshots is responsible for much of the malicious damage to property in this State.