

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 824**

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S. P. 266

In Senate, March 10, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Usher of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Promote a Mandatory Hunters' Safety Course.**

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

12 MRSA § 2401-A, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 52, is amended by adding before the first paragraph the following:

Beginning with and after January 1, 1980, all persons applying for any Maine hunting license, bow or firearm, shall first show to the issuing agent a certificate of competency, that being defined as a hunter safety course currently offered by any state, province or the NRA, in firearms safety or bow safety from this or any other state, Canadian province or proof of having held a hunting license in 1976 or any later year.

FISCAL NOTE

It is estimated that the mandatory program as outlined in the bill would cost the department approximately \$92,671 annually.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide safety for hunters and others during the hunting seasons and establish reciprocity of programs between the states and provinces.