

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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7 H.P. 168

House of Representatives, January 17, 1983

8 Received by the Clerk of the House on January 17, 1983. Referred to the  
9 Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint  
Rule 14.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Jacques of Waterville.

Cosponsors: Representative Conners of Franklin, Representative  
11 Matthews of Winslow and Senator Usher of Cumberland.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Require Persons being  
18 Licensed to Hunt for the First Time to  
19 have Completed a Gun Safety Course.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§10, ¶A, as enacted  
24 by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

25 A. The commissioner ~~may~~ shall establish a pro-  
26 gram for training ~~miners~~ individuals in the safe  
27 handling of firearms and for this purpose may  
28 cooperate with any public or private association  
29 or organization having as one of its objectives  
30 the promotion of safety in firearms handling.

31 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§10, ¶B, as enacted  
32 by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

1 B. If the commissioner establishes such a pro-  
2 gram in establishing the program the commissioner  
3 shall:

4 (1) ~~He shall prescribe~~ Prescribe the quali-  
5 fications of instructors. Each instructor  
6 authorized by the commissioner to conduct  
7 these programs shall be covered by liability  
8 insurance protecting him from liability for  
9 damages during the time when instruction is  
10 being given. The cost of this insurance  
11 shall be borne by the State and shall be a  
12 charge against the funds credited to the  
13 department;

14 (2) ~~He shall prescribe~~ Prescribe the type  
15 and course of instruction and the time and  
16 place of examinations; and

17 (3) ~~He shall issue~~ Issue a certificate of  
18 competency to ~~miners~~ individuals who suc-  
19 cessfully complete the examination.

20 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7071, sub-§7 is enacted to  
21 read:

22 7. Hunter safety course. All persons applying  
23 for any Maine firearm hunting license other than a  
24 juvenile license shall show proof of having success-  
25 fully completed a hunter safety course as provided by  
26 chapter 703, or a hunter safety course which is  
27 equivalent or satisfactory proof of previously hold-  
28 ing a firearms hunting license issued to him from  
29 this State, any other state, province or country in  
30 any year beginning with 1975.

31 When proof of competency cannot be provided, the  
32 hunter may substitute a signed notarized affidavit  
33 that he has held the required license or that he suc-  
34 cessfully completed a Maine hunter safety course or  
35 its equivalent.

36 Sec. 4. Effective date. Section 3 of this Act  
37 is effective on January 1, 1984.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill calls for mandatory hunter safety training as a prerequisite for obtaining a Maine firearm hunting license other than a juvenile license after January 1, 1984. It recognizes other equivalent hunter safety courses and prior hunting licenses as alternate proof of competency.

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