

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate  
Presented by Senator RANDALL of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative LOOK of Jonesboro, Senator  
WHITMORE of Androscoggin, Representative TELOW of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Concerning the Sale of Certain  
Firecrackers.

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

6 8 MRSA §221, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1985, c.  
7 23, §2, is amended to read:

8 1. Fireworks. "Fireworks" means: Any combusti-  
9 ble or explosive composition or substance; any combi-  
10 nation of such compositions or substances; any other  
11 article, which was prepared for the purpose of pro-  
12 ducing a visible or audible effect by combustion, ex-  
13 plosion, deflagration or detonation, including blank  
14 cartridges or toy cannons in which explosives are  
15 used, the type of balloon which requires fire under-  
16 neath to propel it, firecrackers, torpedoes,

1 skyrockets, roman candles, bombs, rockets, wheels,  
2 colored fires, fountains, mines, serpents or other  
3 fireworks of like construction; any fireworks con-  
4 taining any explosive or flammable compound; or any  
5 tablets or other device containing any explosive sub-  
6 stance or flammable compound. The term "fireworks"  
7 as used in this chapter does not include toy pistols,  
8 toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which paper  
9 caps or plastic caps containing 25/100 grains or less  
10 of explosive compound are used, if they are con-  
11 structed so that the hand cannot come in contact with  
12 the cap when in place for the explosion, or toy pis-  
13 tol paper caps or plastic caps which contain less  
14 than 20/100 grains of explosive mixture or sparklers  
15 that do not contain magnesium chlorates or  
16 perchlorates, or small paper-wrapped pyrotechnic de-  
17 vices, "snappers" so-called, each unit containing  
18 less than 0.20 grain of pyrotechnics compound, im-  
19 pregnated with no more than 0.0008 gram of silver  
20 fulminate and approximately 0.15 gram of coarse sand.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill allows the sale of small pyrotechnic  
23 devices which make a snapping sound when dropped.

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