

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 28, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SMITH of Island Falls.

Cosponsored by Representative RICHARD of Madison, Representative LEBOWITZ of Bangor and Senator EMERSON of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws.

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

3 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§13**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 215,  
5 is further amended to read:

7 **13. Discharging firearm near dwelling.** Unless a relevant  
9 municipal ordinance provides otherwise and except as provided in  
11 section 7501 and 7502, a person is guilty of discharging a  
13 firearm near a dwelling if he that person discharges a firearm  
15 within ~~100~~ 200 yards of a residential dwelling without the  
17 permission of the owner or, in his the owner's absence, of an  
19 adult occupant of that dwelling. Nothing in this subsection may  
21 be construed to prohibit a person from killing or taking a wild  
23 animal in accordance with sections 7501 and 7502.

15 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6552, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1981, c.  
17 693, §§5 and 8 is amended to read:

19 **1. Prohibition.** A person may not possess a loaded firearm  
21 on public school property or discharge a firearm within 500 feet  
23 yards of school property.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill increases the distance from dwellings within which  
the discharge of firearms is prohibited, and increases the  
distance from schools within which possession and discharge of  
firearms are prohibited.

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