

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1058

House of Representatives, May 4, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket, Representative ROTONDI of Athens and Representative FARREN of Cherryfield.

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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 Exempt Shooting Ranges from Noise Control Standards.

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

3               **38 MRSA §482-A, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

5               4. Exemption for firearm ranges. Owners or operators of  
7 rifle, pistol, silhouette, skeet, trap, black powder or other  
9 firearm ranges in operation on the effective date of this Act  
11 shall be exempt from noise requirements under this section if the  
13 facility meets the noise standards in place on the effective date  
15 and:

17               A. Any area from which a firearm may be properly discharged  
19 is at least 1,000 yards from any occupied permanent dwelling  
21 on adjacent property;

23               B. Any area from which any rifle or pistol may be properly  
25 discharged is enclosed by a permanent building or structure  
27 that absorbs or contains the sound energy escaping from the  
29 muzzle of firearms in use; or

31               C. If the firearm range is situated on land otherwise  
33 subject to land use zoning, the firearm range is in  
35 compliance with the requirements of the zoning authority  
regarding the sound deflection or absorbent baffles,  
barriers or other sound emission control requirements.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

31               This bill exempts firearm ranges from noise requirements  
33 under site location of development laws, provided that they are  
35 currently in compliance and are out of range of permanent  
dwellings, within a properly constructed sound-absorbing building  
or in compliance with local zoning.