

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 60

House of Representatives, January 17, 1995

An Act to Exempt Owners of Shooting Ranges from any Civil or Criminal Action Relating to Noise Pollution.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MORRISON of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AULT of Wayne, BARTH of Bethel, BIRNEY of Paris,
CLARK of Millinocket, JACQUES of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator: BENOIT of
Franklin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §169 is enacted to read:**

6 **§169. General immunity for noise**

8 A person who owns a shooting range for use of a rifle,
10 pistol, silhouette, skeet, trap, blackpowder or other type of
12 shooting equipment is exempt and immune from civil or criminal
14 prosecution during daylight hours, Monday through Saturday, in
16 any matter relating to noise or noise pollution resulting from
18 the normal and accepted shooting activity at the shooting range,
20 as long as the owner of the range is operating in compliance with
22 any noise control law or ordinance in effect at the time
24 construction of the shooting range was initiated.

18 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

20 This bill holds owners of shooting ranges exempt and immune
22 from civil and criminal prosecution for matters relating to noise
24 or noise pollution at the shooting range, as long as the shooting
range operates in compliance with noise control laws or
ordinances in effect when the shooting range was constructed.