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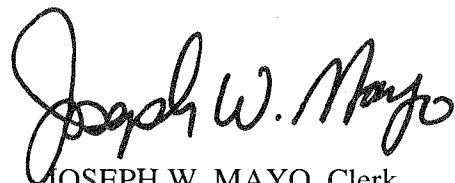
No. 1546

H.P. 1103

House of Representatives, March 18, 1997

An Act to Require That an Adult Accompany Youths Attending Hunter Safety Programs.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative USHER of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and
Representatives: DEXTER of Kingfield, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GAGNE of Buckfield,
LaVERDIERE of Wilton, LEMONT of Kittery, VIGUE of Winslow.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§10**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 270,
5 §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

6 **10. Training in firearm safety.**

7 A. The commissioner shall establish a program for training
8 individuals in the safe handling of firearms and for this
9 purpose may cooperate with any public or private association
10 or organization having as one of its objectives the
11 promotion of safety in firearms handling.

12 B. In establishing the program the commissioner shall:

13 (1) Prescribe the qualifications of instructors. Each
14 instructor authorized by the commissioner to conduct
15 these programs shall must be covered by liability
16 insurance protecting ~~him~~ the instructor from liability
17 for damages during the time when instruction is being
18 given. The cost of this insurance ~~shall-be~~ is borne by
19 the State and ~~shall-be~~ is a charge against the funds
20 credited to the department;

21 (2) Prescribe the type and course of instruction and
22 the time and place of examinations; and

23 (3) Issue a certificate of competency to individuals
24 who successfully complete the examination.

25 Minors attending a firearm safety program under this subsection
26 must be accompanied by an adult.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill requires that adults must accompany minors who
29 attend a hunter safety course.