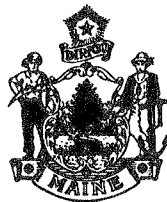


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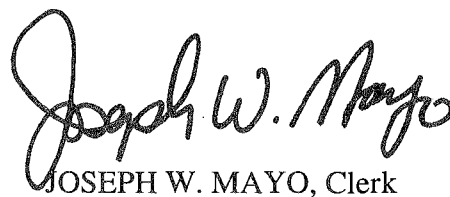
House of Representatives, January 14, 1998

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**An Act Relating to Forfeited Firearms.**

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Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §3503-A**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 254, §2,  
is amended to read:

6 **§3503-A. Disposal of firearms and ammunition**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or Title  
10 15, chapter 517, a police department or other law enforcement  
agency retaining firearms and ammunition covered by this chapter  
12 or Title 15, chapter 517 may auction the firearms to  
federally-licensed federally licensed firearms' dealers, use the  
14 firearms and ammunition for training purposes or destroy the  
firearms and ammunition.

16 The Attorney General may adopt or amend rules pursuant to  
18 the Maine Administrative Procedure Act governing the sale, use  
and disposal of firearms and ammunition under this section.  
20 Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical  
rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill authorizes law enforcement agencies to auction  
26 firearms they have received under the forfeiture statute, Title  
15, chapter 517, to federally licensed firearms' dealers. The  
28 bill similarly authorizes the Attorney General to adopt and amend  
rules pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, as the  
30 Attorney General considers necessary, governing the sale, use and  
disposal of abandoned and forfeited firearms and ammunition by  
32 law enforcement agencies.