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An Act to Prevent Children from Acquiring Gunpowder.

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

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MURRAY of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro and Representatives: POVICH of Ellsworth, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

2 Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §554, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. C, $\S3$ and affected by Pt. E, $\S2$, is further amended to 4 read: б Knowingly sells, furnishes, gives away or offers to Β. 8 sell, furnish or give away to a child under 16 years of age any intoxicating liquor, cigarettes, tobacco, air rifles, 10 gunpowder, smokeless powder or ammunition for firearms; Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §554, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 1995, c. 12 263, $\S2$, is further amended to read: 14 c. The defendant was the parent, foster parent, guardian or 16 an adult approved by the parent, foster parent or guardian who furnished a child under 16 years of age an air rifle, 18 gunpowder, smokeless powder or ammunition for a firearm for use in a supervised manner. 20 **SUMMARY** 22 24 This bill provides that a person is guilty of endangering the welfare of a child, a Class D crime, if the person knowingly 26 sells, furnishes, gives away or offers to sell, furnish or give away to a child under 16 years of age gunpowder or smokeless powder unless furnished by a parent, foster parent, guardian or 28 an adult approved by the parent, foster parent or guardian for 30 use in a supervised manner.