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An Act to Limit Children's Access to Firearms.

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 RAND of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative NORBERT of Portland and Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, Representative: MUSE of South Portland.

-	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §554, sub-§1, ¶B-1, as enacted by PL 1995, c.
4	694, Pt. C, §4 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:
б	B-1. Being the parent, foster parent, guardian or other person having the care and custody of the child, cruelly
8	treats that child by abuse, neglect or extreme punishment; or
10	Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §554, sub-§1, ¶B-2 is enacted to read:
12	B-2. Does the following:
14	(1) Knowingly stores or keeps a firearm on premises that are under the person's control;
16	(2) Knowingly stores or keeps the firearm without a
18	trigger lock device or in a place other than in a locked container; and
20	(3) Knows or reasonably should know that a person
22	under 16 years of age is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of that person's parent
24	or guardian; or
26	SUMMARY
28	This bill amends the endangering the welfare of a child
30	law. The bill adds to the types of endangerment storing a

firearm that is not in a locked container or does not have a trigger lock device in a place where a child is likely to gain

access to the firearm.