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House of Representatives, February 18, 1999

An Act Regarding Municipal Firearm Discharge Ordinances.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

✓OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth. Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, COTE of Lewiston, DUNLAP of Old Town, TRACY of Rome, TRUE of Fryeburg, Senator: KIEFFER of Aroostook.

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3007, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 266, §1, is amended to read:

5. Firearms and bows and arrows. After January 1, 2000, a municipality may not adopt or amend a firearm discharge ordinance unless that municipality provides a copy of the proposed ordinance and written notification of any hearing dates relating to the proposed ordinance to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at least 10 days before any meeting or hearing at which the proposed ordinance will be considered for approval by the municipality. The municipality shall provide the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with a copy of the new or amended firearm discharge ordinance and a copy of any maps that show the areas in the municipality affected by the new or amended ordinance within 30 days from the date that the ordinance is enacted. Municipalities A municipality may not include bows and arrows in any firearms discharge erdinances ordinance.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a municipality to provide the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with advance notice of any proposed ordinance that modifies regulations concerning firearms discharges. It also requires a municipality to provide the department with a copy of the new ordinance and any municipal maps showing the areas in the municipality that are affected by the ordinance.