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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2000

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H.P. 1780

House of Representatives, January 13, 2000

**Resolve, to Create a Commission to Study the Regulation of Firearms in  
Maine.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule  
203.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MUSE of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and  
Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, GREEN of Monmouth, O'BRIEN of Augusta, SAXL  
of Portland, STEVENS of Orono, TRIPP of Topsham, USHER of Westbrook, WATSON of  
Farmingdale.

**Sec. 1. Commission to study the regulation of firearms. Resolved:**

2 That a commission to study the effectiveness of Maine's laws  
regarding the manufacture, sale, ownership and possession of  
4 firearms in reducing gun-related violence, referred to in this  
resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Membership; appointments. Resolved:** That the

8 commission consists of 7 members appointed as follows:

- 10 1. Three members appointed by the Governor;
- 12 2. Two members appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- 14 3. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House.

16 All appointments must be made no later than 30 days  
following the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall hold  
20 hearings throughout the State to receive testimony from the  
public regarding the effectiveness of Maine's laws in reducing  
22 gun-related violence and to take recommendations for future  
legislation; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, upon approval of the  
26 Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
shall provide staffing services to the commission; and be it  
28 further

**Sec. 5. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the  
30 commission who are Legislators are entitled to the legislative  
32 per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3,  
section 2, and reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred for  
34 their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission. Other  
members of the commission who are not otherwise compensated by  
36 their employers or other entities that they represent are  
entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred  
38 for their attendance at authorized meetings; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit  
40 its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,  
42 to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later  
than December 31, 2000. If the commission requires a limited  
44 extension of time to conclude its work, it may apply to the  
Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

## SUMMARY

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4           This resolve establishes a 7-member commission to study the  
6           need for changes in the regulation of firearms in Maine in order  
          to reduce gun-related violence. The commission shall file a  
          report, including recommendations for statutory change, by  
          December 31, 2000.