

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 551

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H.P. 356

House of Representatives, February 9, 2023

**An Act to Strengthen Maine Citizens' Second Amendment Rights by  
Allowing the Discharge of Firearms on Private Property That Is  
Within 500 Feet of School Property in Certain Circumstances**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, ARDELL of Monticello, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield,  
LAVIGNE of Berwick, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, PAUL of Winterport, Senator:  
TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §6552, sub-§2, ¶D** is enacted to read:

3 D. The prohibition on discharge of a firearm does not apply to a person residing on  
4 private property who discharges a firearm on the private property in self-defense or in  
5 order to protect the person's residence.

6 **SUMMARY**

7 Current law prohibits a person from discharging a firearm within 500 feet of public  
8 school property or the property of an approved private school. This bill establishes an  
9 exception for the discharge of a firearm by a person residing on private property for the  
10 purposes of self-defense or in order to protect the person's residence.