

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 303

In Senate, February 16, 2023

**An Act to Prohibit the Use of Toy Cannon Fireworks Devices That Exceed 150 Decibels Without Permission from Affected Property Owners**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. (BY REQUEST)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §223-A, sub-§8-A** is enacted to read:

3 **8-A. Toy cannons.** The use of a toy cannon is governed by this subsection in addition  
4 to the other requirements of this chapter. A person may not use a toy cannon in a location  
5 where there is any affected property owner, unless the person has the written permission of  
6 each affected property owner.

7 As used in this subsection, "toy cannon" means a type of consumer fireworks in the shape  
8 of a cannon that, when discharged, emits a sound of more than 150 decibels, as measured  
9 at the cannon. As used in this subsection, "affected property owner" means any person  
10 owning or renting a residence located on property that is within 1,000 feet of the location  
11 of the use of the toy cannon.

12 A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of \$100  
13 may be adjudged for any one offense.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires a person using a toy cannon fireworks device, which when discharged  
16 emits a sound of more than 150 decibels, to get permission from affected property owners.