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An Act to Prohibit Unauthorized Paramilitary Training

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

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 OSHER of Orono.
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and
Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CAMPBELL of Orrington, COLLAMORE of
Pittsfield, DILL of Old Town, GEIGER of Rockland, MOONEN of Portland, Senators:
TIPPING of Penobscot, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA c. 252-B** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 252-B**

4 **PARAMILITARY TRAINING**

5 **§2021. Unauthorized paramilitary training**

6 **1. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
7 following terms have the following meanings.

8 A. "Civil disorder" means any public disturbance involving an act of violence by a
9 group of 2 or more persons that causes an immediate danger of injury to another person
10 or damage to the property of another person or results in injury to another person or
11 damage to the property of another person.

12 B. "Explosive" has the same meaning as in section 2471, subsection 2, except that
13 "explosive" does not include a firearm or ammunition for a firearm or any components
14 of ammunition for a firearm, including, but not limited to, primers, smokeless powder
15 or black powder.

16 C. "Firearm" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 12-A.

17 D. "Incendiary device" means a device that may produce, by ignition by fire, friction,
18 concussion, detonation or other similar method, destructive effects primarily through
19 combustion rather than explosion. "Incendiary device" does not include ammunition
20 for a firearm or a manufactured device or article in common use by the general public
21 that is designed to produce combustion for a lawful purpose, such as matches, lighters,
22 flares or devices commercially manufactured primarily for the purpose of illumination,
23 heating or cooking.

24 **2. Unauthorized paramilitary training prohibited.** A person may not:

25 A. Teach or demonstrate to another person or train another person in the use,
26 application or making of a firearm, explosive or incendiary device capable of causing
27 injury to or the death of, or techniques capable of causing injury to or the death of,
28 another person if the person teaching, training or demonstrating knows or reasonably
29 should know that the teaching, training or demonstrating is intended to be used in or in
30 furtherance of civil disorder; or

31 B. Assemble with one or more other persons for the purpose of practicing or being
32 trained or instructed in the use, application or making of a firearm, explosive or
33 incendiary device capable of causing injury to or the death of, or in techniques capable
34 of causing injury to or the death of, another person if the person knows or reasonably
35 should know that the practicing, training or instruction is intended to be used in or in
36 furtherance of civil disorder.

37 **3. Penalty.** A person who violates subsection 2 commits a Class C crime.

38 **4. Exemptions.** This section does not apply to:

