

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 17, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs, sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sawyer of Brunswick.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to the Sale of Firearms.**

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

**R. S., c. 49, § 47, additional.** Section 47 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 47. Record to be kept of all firearms sold; buyer to furnish certificate from chief of police; penalty for not keeping record, or for giving false name to dealer, or for sale without buyer’s certificate.** No dealer shall sell, let, or loan any firearm to any person without first recording in a book kept for the purpose, the name or make, calibre, and number, if any, of said firearm, also the name and address of the purchaser or recipient of said firearm. Said record shall be made before said firearm is delivered, and shall be open to the inspection of any sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, constable, game warden, or prosecuting attorney. Any dealer who fails to keep such record or refuses to show the same to any officer named above, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50. Whoever gives a false or fictitious name to said dealer shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50. This section shall not apply to wholesalers, who sell only to other dealers, or to manufacturers who sell only at wholesale.

**Before any person, firm, or corporation dealing in firearms at retail shall sell any firearms or dangerous weapons to any person, he shall first re-**

quire said prospective buyer to produce from the chief of police of the city or town in which said purchase is sought, a certificate, in substance stating that said applicant is of good moral character and, in his judgment, a safe person to own and use firearms. Whoever sells any firearms or dangerous weapons without first receiving said certificate shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50.'