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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-TWO

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**AN ACT Relating to the Transportation of Firearms by Police Officers.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, Italy, Japan and other foreign countries; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature this fact creates an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and requires the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Transportation of firearms by police officers legalized.** Section 46, of chapter 38, of the revised statutes of 1930 as amended is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 46. Hunting from automobiles.** It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any wild bird or wild animal at any time from an automobile, or by aid or use of any light or lights carried thereon or attached thereto. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession, at any time, any wild bird or wild animal, or part thereof, taken in violation of any provision of this section. No person, **except a duly constituted law enforcement**

**officer while in the line of duty**, shall have a rifle or shotgun, either loaded or with a cartridge in the magazine thereof, in or on any motor vehicle while the same is upon any highway or in the fields or forests.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.