

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 31, 1945.

Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. True of Rangeley.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relative to Use of Automatic Firearms.**

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

**R. S., c. 33, § 47-A, additional.** Chapter 33 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 47-A and to read as follows :

**'Sec. 47-A. Use of automatic firearms and certain ammunition prohibited; capacity of certain firearms limited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to use cartridges containing tracer bullets or cartridges containing explosive bullets.

It shall be unlawful to use any automatic firearm while hunting or for the purpose of hunting in this state. This prohibition shall not apply to auto-loading firearms or firearms which require an overt act of the user for each shot. It shall be lawful to use an auto-loading or hand-fired firearm.

It shall be lawful to use an auto-loading firearm having capacity of not more than 6 cartridges, except when the semi-automatic is used for the purpose of taking migratory waterfowl, in which cases there shall be a limit of 3 shells in all semi-automatic and pump-guns.'