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House of Representatives, February 1, 1945.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Miss Deering of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Regulating the Use of Automatic Firearms.

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 regulated; definitions; exceptions. No person shall use for hunting, or have in his possession at any time in the fields and forests or on the waters of the state, any automatic firearm, or any firearm that has been converted to an automatic type, or any firearm which has built-in mechanical adjustments which will permit it to function as an automatic arm.

No person shall use for hunting or have in his possession at any time in the fields and forests or on the waters of the state any auto-loading firearm having a magazine capacity of more than five cartridges. All auto-loading firearms having a magazine capacity in excess of 5 cartridges shall have the magazine permanently altered so as to contain not more than 5 cartridges before it may be used in this state.

An automatic firearm shall be defined as one that will continue to fire as long as the trigger is held back.

An auto-loading firearm shall be defined as one that reloads itself after each shot, and requires that the trigger be pulled for each shot.

No part of paragraph 1 or 2 shall apply to firearms used by any law enforcement agency in this state. Paragraph 2 shall not apply to firearms using the .22 cal. rim fire cartridge, or to any auto-loading pistol having a barrel less than 8 inches in length.'