

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 925

House of Representatives, February 19, 1953.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stewart of Portland by request.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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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**R. S., c. 131, § 13, repealed and replaced.** Section 13 of chapter 131 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 13. Record kept of firearms sold. No dealer shall sell, give, let or loan any pistol, revolver or other firearm, having a barrel length of 6 inches or less to any person without first taking from that person a certificate, issued as herein provided, granting him permission to purchase such pistol, revolver or other firearm. No person, without such certificate, shall purchase any pistol, revolver or other firearm, having a barrel length of 6 inches or less, from any dealer or other person or corporation. The dealer, upon receipt of such certificate, shall file the same and keep it for a period of not less than 2 years. Said file shall be open to the inspection of any sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, constable, game warden or prosecuting attorney. The chief of police or the city marshal of any town or city, or the sheriff of any county may, upon application therefor, issue to any legal resident of such city or town or county of good moral character, a certificate permitting such person to purchase such firearm as set forth in this section. The official or officials issuing such a license shall

make a permanent record in a suitable book or file kept for that purpose. Such records shall include date of issuance, the name, age, sex, street address of licensee, name and number of pistol or revolver purchased. Such information will be forwarded to the chief of the state police the 1st day of each calendar month. All persons who are not dealers in firearms having in their possession a pistol or revolver at the time this law goes into effect shall register them with the chief of police, city or town marshal or sheriff in their respective city, town or county. Such registrations will be forwarded to the chief of the state police who shall also furnish the certificate and license forms. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months. This section shall not apply to wholesalers who sell only to dealers, or to manufacturers who sell only at wholesale.'