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In Senate, February 23, 1955

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Farley of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Possession of Firearms by Felons.

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

R. S., c. 144, §§ 12-A - 12-C, additional. Chapter 144 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 12-A to 12-C, to read as follows:

'Possession of Firearms by Felons.

Sec. 12-A. Possession of firearms by felons prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of the United State or if the State of Maine, or of any other State, to have in his possession any pistol, revolver or any other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person. Anyone violating any of the provisions of sections 12-A to 12-C, inclusive, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 5 years.

Sec. 12-B. Definitions. The following words and phrases when used in sections 12-A to 12-C, inclusive, are defined as follows:

"Pistol," "revolver" and "firearm" means a weapon capable of being concealed upon the person and shall include all firearms having a barrel of less than 12 inches in length.

The use of the masculine gender includes the feminine gender.

Sec. 12-C. Application. The penal provisions of section 12-A shall not apply to any person commissioned as a peace officer, employed as a guard or watchman nor to any person who has not been convicted of a penal offense during the 5 year period next immediately following his discharge or release from prison.'