

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**CHAPTER 127****H.P. 59 - L.D. 87****An Act Designed to Make the Use and Storage of  
Firearms Safer****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

25 MRSA §2012 is enacted to read:

**§2012. Sale of firearms to include safety brochure**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**A.** “Basic firearm safety brochure” means a brochure, produced by a national, nonprofit membership organization that provides a comprehensive voluntary safety program including the training of people in the safe handling and use of firearms or by any other organization, that contains the following information relating to firearms:

(1) Rules for safe handling, storage and use of firearms;

(2) Nomenclature and descriptions of various types of firearms; and

(3) Responsibilities of firearm ownership.

**B.** “Firearm” has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 12-A.

**C.** “Firearm dealer” means a person who is licensed as a dealer under 18 United States Code, Section 923, or who is required to be licensed as a dealer under that section.

**2. Requirement.** A firearm dealer must:

**A.** Include a basic firearm safety brochure with every firearm sold at retail in this State, except that the brochure need not be supplied by the firearm dealer if the firearm manufacturer provides a basic firearm safety brochure with the firearm. The dealer may collect a charge for the brochure, which may not be greater than the dealer’s cost to obtain the brochure;

**B.** Offer to demonstrate to the purchaser the use of a trigger locking device; and

**C.** Post in a conspicuous place information relating to the availability of known local voluntary firearm safety programs.

**3. No liability.** Organizations that produce basic firearm safety brochures for distribution to firearm dealers

for subsequent distribution to purchasers of firearms and firearm dealers are not liable for injuries resulting from the accidental discharge of nondefective firearms purchased from any dealer.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 128****H.P. 786 - L.D. 1118****An Act to Require Casualty Insurers to Provide an  
Annual Valuation of Loss Reserves****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

24-A MRSA c. 11, sub-c. II-A is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER II-A****PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE RESERVES****§941. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

**1. Covered kinds of insurance.** “Covered kinds of insurance” include:

**A.** Casualty insurance as defined in section 707; and

**B.** Property insurance as defined in section 705. Property insurance written by domestic mutual assessment insurers pursuant to chapter 51 is not subject to the requirements of this subchapter.

**2. Qualified actuary.** “Qualified actuary” means a person who is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries who has obtained a designation either as a Fellow or an Associate in the Casualty Actuarial Society and, if an Associate, has at least 5 years’ experience in actuarial practice obtained in the kinds of insurance covered in this subsection.

**§942. Property and casualty insurance reserves; required annual certifications**

A reserve certification prepared by a qualified actuary that meets the requirements of this subchapter must be filed annually on or before March 1st by each insurer writing any of the covered kinds of insurance pursuant to a certificate of authority issued by the superintendent.

**§943. Statement of certifying actuary**

**1. Opinion and statement.** The reserve certification must contain an opinion and statement pursuant to this section. The opinion of the certifying, qualified actuary must be expressed on the letterhead of the actuary, indicate the