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CHAPTER 70
H.P. 82 - L.D. 110

**An Act To Designate Pure
Maine Maple Syrup as the
Official State Sweetener**

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §228 is enacted to read:

§228. State sweetener

Pure Maine maple syrup is the official state
sweetener.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 71
H.P. 193 - L.D. 275

**An Act To Allow the Use of a
Crossbow for Recreational
Target Practice within 100
Yards of a Building without the
Owner's Permission**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11209, as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §26, is further amended to read:

**§11209. Discharge of firearm near dwelling or
building**

1. Prohibition. A person may not:

A. Unless a relevant municipal ordinance provides otherwise and except as provided in subsection 3 and sections 12401 and 12402, discharge a firearm, including a muzzle-loading firearm, or crossbow or cause a projectile to pass as a result of that discharge within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without the permission of the owner or, in the owner's absence, of an adult occupant of that building or dwelling authorized to act on behalf of the owner; or

B. Possess a wild animal or wild bird taken in violation of this subsection, except as otherwise provided in this Part.

This subsection may not be construed to prohibit a person from killing or taking a wild animal in accordance with sections 12401 and 12402.

For purposes of this ~~subsection~~ section, "building" means any residential, commercial, retail, educational, religious or farm structure that is designed to be occupied by people or domesticated animals or is being used to shelter machines or harvested crops.

For purposes of this ~~subsection~~ section, "projectile" means a bullet, pellet, shot, shell, ball, bolt or other object propelled or launched from a firearm or crossbow.

2. Penalty. A person who violates subsection 1 commits a Class E crime.

3. Target practice; crossbow. Unless otherwise prohibited, a landowner or the landowner's invitee may discharge a crossbow for recreational target practice purposes on the landowner's property within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without the permission of the owner of that building or dwelling. Nothing in this subsection authorizes a landowner or the landowner's invitee to cause a projectile discharged from a crossbow to enter property owned by another person.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 72
S.P. 157 - L.D. 428

**An Act To Amend the Powers
and Duties of the State Board
of Education**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶U, as amended by PL 2005, c. 611, §1, is further amended to read:

U. Review the organization of school administrative units statewide to identify current cooperative agreements between school administrative units. Cooperative agreements may include, but are not limited to: purchasing or contract agreements; administrative functions; shared staff and staff training; and technology initiatives. Based on the review, and in consultation with the department, the state board may recommend that school administrative units develop and carry out a plan for a cooperative agreement with one or more other school administrative units. "Cooperative agreement" may include agreements between school administrative units and career and technical education regions and career and technical education centers; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶V, as amended by PL 2005, c. 611, §2, is further amended to read:

V. Study school administrative unit configuration statewide; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶W is enacted to read: