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**CHAPTER 81
H.P. 256 - L.D. 350**

**An Act To Repeal Certain
Requirements Concerning the
Sale and Purchase of Firearms**

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §455, as repealed and re-
placed by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. H, §1 and affected by
Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

§455. Record of sales of firearms

1. Forms. A dealer may not:

~~A. Sell, let or loan a firearm to a person without
making a copy of the form a dealer must keep as
prescribed by 18 United States Code, Section 923.
The copy must be made and marked as "STATE
COPY" before the firearm is delivered; or~~

~~B. Refuse to show or refuse to allow inspection
of a copy of the form described in paragraph A to
a sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, constable,
game warden or prosecuting attorney.~~

~~A person who violates this subsection commits a civil
violation for which a fine of \$50 may be adjudged.~~

1-A. Form. A firearms dealer may not refuse to
show or refuse to allow inspection of the form a dealer
must keep as prescribed by 18 United States Code,
Section 923 to a law enforcement officer as defined in
Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 17 upon presentation
of a formal written request for inspection stating that
the form relates to an active criminal investigation.

A person who violates this subsection commits a civil
violation for which a fine of \$50 may be adjudged.

2. False or fictitious name. A person may not
give a false or fictitious name to a firearms dealer. A
person who violates this subsection commits a civil
violation for which a fine of \$50 may be adjudged.

3. Exception. This section does not apply to a
firearms wholesaler who sells only to other firearms
dealers or to a firearms manufacturer who sells only at
wholesale.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 82

H.P. 306 - L.D. 426

**An Act To Allow Hunters
Whose Religion Prohibits
Wearing Hunter Orange
Clothing To Instead Wear Red**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11203, sub-§1-A is en-
acted to read:

1-A. Religious opposition exemption. A person
may substitute articles of bright red clothing for the
articles of hunter orange clothing required under sub-
section 1 if the person has a religious opposition to the
wearing of hunter orange clothing.

**Sec. 2. Department of Inland Fisheries
and Wildlife to amend rules.** The Department of
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall amend Rule Chap-
ter 4: Hunting and Trapping to clarify that a person
who has a religious opposition to the wearing of
hunter orange clothing may substitute articles of red
clothing for the articles of hunter orange clothing re-
quired by current law. Rules amended pursuant to this
section are routine technical rules as defined in the
Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchap-
ter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 83

H.P. 814 - L.D. 1151

**An Act To Allow Promotional
Allowances by Gas Utilities**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §4706-C is enacted to
read:

§4706-C. Promotional allowances

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

A. "Promotional allowance" means any rebate,
discount, credit or other promotion offered or
provided by a gas utility to customers or potential
customers for the purpose of encouraging custom-
ers or potential customers to select or use the ser-
vice or increase usage of the service of that utility;
to select, purchase, install or use any appliance or
equipment designed to use that utility's service; or
to use any other particular service of that utility.

2. Promotional allowance allowed. Notwith-
standing sections 302-A and 703, a gas utility, without
prior notice or approval from the commission, may
offer or provide a promotional allowance.

3. Filing of schedules of rates. Notwithstanding
section 307, schedules of rates that provide for promo-
tional allowances take effect when filed with the
commission, unless a later effective date is specified in
the filing. A copy of the filing must also be provided
simultaneously to the Efficiency Maine Trust, estab-
lished in chapter 97.