

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6555** is enacted to read:

3 **§6555. Replica or simulated firearms**

4 **1. Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "replica or simulated firearm" means
5 an object that:

6 A. Is similar in size, color and general appearance to a firearm;

7 B. Is or is not capable of expelling a projectile; and

8 C. A reasonable person would believe is a firearm.

9 **2. Prohibition.** A person may not possess a replica or simulated firearm on public
10 school property or the property of an approved private school or within 500 feet of public
11 school property or the property of an approved private school.

12 **3. Exception.** The prohibition on possession of a replica or simulated firearm under
13 subsection 2 does not apply to a person possessing a replica or simulated firearm as part
14 of a school-sanctioned program if the program is authorized by a written policy adopted
15 by the school's governing body.

16 **4. Penalty.** A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class E crime.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill prohibits the possession of a replica or simulated firearm on or near public
19 or private school property and makes a violation of the law a Class E crime.