

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
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**An Act Directing the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To
Release Annually Public Health Data Regarding Certain Fatalities and
Hospitalizations**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 256-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 256-A

REPORTING OF FIREARM FATALITIES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS

§1425. Annual report on firearm fatalities and hospitalizations

Beginning January 1, 2022, the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services shall report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the following data:

1. Firearm fatalities. Public health data concerning firearm fatalities in the State, separated by:

A. The number of homicides, including the number of homicides that were the result of domestic violence, further separated by the ages of the victims for each;

B. Suicides, further separated by the ages of the victims; and

C. Unintentional discharges, further separated by the ages of the victims; and

2. Hospitalizations. Hospitalizations that occurred as a result of a firearm but did not result in death.

The Commissioner of Public Safety, the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, the Office of the Attorney General and the Maine Health Data Organization shall assist the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention with the collection of the data required in this section.

The Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall make the report required under this section publicly available.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §1544, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2001, c. 399, §6, is further amended to read:

The bureau shall establish a category for abuse by adults of family or household members, a category for cruelty to animals ~~and~~, a category for crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or ethnicity and a category for unintentional and intentional firearm discharges that are supplementary to its other reported information. The bureau shall prescribe the information to be submitted in the same manner as for all other categories of the uniform crime reports.