**An Act to Strengthen Maine Citizens' Second Amendment Rights by Allowing the Discharge of Firearms on Private Property That Is Within 500 Feet of School Property in Certain Circumstances**

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

**Sec.** **1. 20-A MRSA §6552, sub-§2, ¶D** is enacted to read:

D. The prohibition on discharge of a firearm does not apply to a person residing on private property who discharges a firearm on the private property in self-defense or in order to protect the person's residence.

**SUMMARY**

Current law prohibits a person from discharging a firearm within 500 feet of public school property or the property of an approved private school. This bill establishes an exception for the discharge of a firearm by a person residing on private property for the purposes of self-defense or in order to protect the person's residence.