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An Act To Provide a Source of Funding for Drug Abuse Resistance Education

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and
Senators: CHENETTE of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DESCHAMBAULT of York, KEIM of Oxford, MAKER of Washington, Representatives: HANINGTON of Lincoln, STROM of Pittsfield, TUELL of East Machias.

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

2   **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §3503-A,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 657, §11, is further
3   amended to read:

4   **§3503-A. Disposal of firearms and ammunition**

5   Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a police department or other law
6   enforcement agency retaining firearms and ammunition covered by this chapter, Title 15,
7   section 3314 or chapter 517, or Title 17-A, section 1158-A may auction the firearms to
8   federally licensed firearms dealers or the public, use the firearms and ammunition for
9   training purposes or destroy the firearms and ammunition. Any funds that are raised
10   through auction must be dedicated to educational programs taught by law enforcement
11   officers to students in kindergarten to grade 12 that target prevention of substance abuse,
12   violence or high-risk behavior and teach students good decision-making skills to help
13   them lead safe and healthy lives.

14   **SUMMARY**

15   This bill requires that the funds generated by forfeited firearms that are auctioned to
16   federally licensed firearms dealers or the public be used to fund educational programs
17   taught by law enforcement officers that target prevention of substance abuse, violence or
18   high-risk behavior and teach students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe
19   and healthy lives. These educational programs are known as the Drug Abuse Resistance
20   Education program.