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An Act to Prohibit the Use of Toy Cannon Fireworks Devices That Exceed 150 Decibels Without Permission from Affected Property Owners

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. (BY REQUEST)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §223-A, sub-§8-A** is enacted to read:

3 **8-A. Toy cannons.** The use of a toy cannon is governed by this subsection in addition
4 to the other requirements of this chapter. A person may not use a toy cannon in a location
5 where there is any affected property owner, unless the person has the written permission of
6 each affected property owner.

7 As used in this subsection, "toy cannon" means a type of consumer fireworks in the shape
8 of a cannon that, when discharged, emits a sound of more than 150 decibels, as measured
9 at the cannon. As used in this subsection, "affected property owner" means any person
10 owning or renting a residence located on property that is within 1,000 feet of the location
11 of the use of the toy cannon.

12 A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of \$100
13 may be adjudged for any one offense.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires a person using a toy cannon fireworks device, which when discharged
16 emits a sound of more than 150 decibels, to get permission from affected property owners.