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An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by **Prohibited Persons**

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§1, ¶A-1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 608, Pt. B, §§1 to 3, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

Violation of this paragraph is a Class $\subseteq \underline{B}$ crime;

Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 608, Pt. B, §5, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

Violation of this paragraph is a Class **D** C crime;

Sec. 3. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2015, c. 470, §1, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

Violation of this paragraph is a Class $\underline{D} \underline{C}$ crime;

Sec. 4. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§1, ¶F, as amended by PL 2015, c. 470, §1, is further amended to read:

F. Is a fugitive from justice. For the purposes of this paragraph, "fugitive from justice" has the same meaning as in section 201, subsection 4. Violation of this paragraph is a Class $\underline{D} \underline{C}$ crime;

Sec. 5. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 2015, c. 470, §1, is further amended to read:

G. Is an unlawful user of or is addicted to any controlled substance and as a result is prohibited from possession of a firearm under 18 United States Code, Section 922(g)(3). Violation of this paragraph is a Class D C crime;

Sec. 6. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§1, ¶H, as amended by PL 2015, c. 470, §1, is further amended to read:

H. Is an alien who is illegally or unlawfully in the United States or who was admitted under a nonimmigrant visa and who is prohibited from possession of a firearm under 18 United States Code, Section 922(g)(5). Violation of this paragraph is a Class $\oplus \underline{C}$ crime;

Sec. 7. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§1, ¶I, as amended by PL 2015, c. 470, §1, is further amended to read:

I. Has been discharged from the United States Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions. Violation of this paragraph is a Class $\underline{D} \underline{C}$ crime; or

Sec. 8. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§1, ¶J, as amended by PL 2015, c. 470, §1, is further amended to read:

J. Has, having been a citizen of the United States, renounced that person's citizenship. Violation of this paragraph is a Class $\underline{P} \underline{C}$ crime.