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**An Act To Make Possession of a Firearm with an Altered or
Obscured Serial Number a Class C Crime**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DION of Portland and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec,
Representatives: BATES of Westbrook, GATTINE of Westbrook, McCABE of Skowhegan,
PARRY of Arundel.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §705, sub-§1, ¶D**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c.
3 129, is amended to read:

4 D. With intent to defraud and to prevent identification:

5 (1) ~~He~~ The person alters, removes or obscures the manufacturer's serial number
6 or any other distinguishing identification number, mark or symbol upon any
7 automobile, snowmobile, outboard motor, motorboat, aircraft or any other
8 vehicle or upon any machine, ~~firearm~~ or other object; or

9 (2) ~~He~~ The person possesses any such object or any such item after that number
10 has been altered, removed or obscured.

11 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §705, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

12 **3. Criminal simulation that involves the possession or transportation of a firearm**
13 **with the manufacturer's make, model or serial number altered, removed or obscured is a**
14 **Class C crime.**

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill changes criminal simulation involving the possession or transportation of a
17 firearm with the manufacturer's make, model or serial number altered, removed or
18 obscured from a Class E crime to a Class C crime.