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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 739, L.D. 1120, “An Act to Promote the Secure Storage of Firearms”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §455-A, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 450, §2, is amended to read:

1-A. Posting of warnings at gun shows. The warning sign signs as described in subsection subsections 1 and 3 must be posted at all entrances of an organized gun show.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 6 and 7 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 6. 17-A MRSA §554, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 388, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 17-A MRSA §1060 is enacted to read:

§1060. Negligent firearm storage

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Authorized user" means a person who is 18 years of age or older who is not a prohibited person and who has been authorized by the owner to carry or use the firearm.

B. "Locked container" means a box, case, chest, locker, safe or other similar receptacle equipped with a tamper-resistant lock.

C. "Prohibited person" means a person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm by state or federal law or by court order.

2. Negligent storage of firearm. A person is guilty of negligently storing a firearm if:

A. That person, acting with criminal negligence, stores or leaves on premises that are under the person's control a firearm in a manner that allows a minor to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the minor's parent, foster parent or guardian or in a manner that allows a prohibited person to gain access to the firearm;

B. A minor or prohibited person in fact gains access to the firearm; and

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