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LD 1696

I oppose LD 1696, “An Act to Create a Civil Cause of Action for Persons Suffering Damages Arising from the Sale of Abnormally Dangerous Firearms”, and it “ought not to pass”.

This bill as I understand it, creates a cause of action against a firearm industry member's intentional or knowing manufacturing, marketing, importing, offering for wholesale sale or offering for retail sale a firearm-related product that is abnormally dangerous and likely to create an unreasonable risk of harm to public health and safety in the State. A firearm-related product is not considered abnormally dangerous and likely to create an unreasonable risk of harm to public health and safety based on a firearm's inherent capacity to cause injury or lethal harm. A violation is prima facie evidence of an unfair trade practice, but attorney's fees and costs may not be awarded. Exempted from the action are actions brought by persons injured with a firearm while committing a crime or self-inflicted injury from a reckless, wanton or willful discharge of the firearm.

All firearms are inherently dangerous! Punish the manufacturer of a firearm and try to drive them out of business for the actions of a criminal/mentally ill individual? This is absurd and grasping at straws to create more gun control by drying up the supply!

This bill is once again an attack on law-abiding Maine citizens, and a direct violation of our Maine Constitutional rights, specifically Article 1, Section 16: “To keep and bear arms. Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned.”

My rights don't end where your fear begins.

This is a solution looking for a problem that Maine does not have. Maine is the safest state in the nation. I fail to see how this law would make us “more safe”.

I oppose any bill intending to strip Maine citizens of our Constitutional rights.

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