

Testimony of Joyce A Maker before the Joint Standing Committee on  
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**In Opposition to LD 1049**  
**An Act to Eliminate the Duty to Inform a Law Enforcement Officer**  
**When Carrying a Concealed Handgun Without a Permit**

Senator Anne Carney, Representative Amy Kuhn and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee . I am Joyce A. Maker from Calais, Maine. I am in opposition of LD 1049

This is a difficult bill for me because when the original bill for Concealed Carry without a permit was passed, it was a very difficult decision for me and several others. You know when you ask a legislator if there was ever a bill that you wish you hadn't supported, this is the one for me. With permits, at least our law enforcement have knowledge of where they are. Don't get me wrong I am sure in today's world our law enforcement officers assume they have one but does an individual carrying a concealed handgun know that? A simple statement from one of my posters stated: "With or without a permit... I would think telling an officer during an arrest or even traffic stop would be beneficial to both parties... this bill sounds crazy and ridiculous"... what would be the purpose to hide your weapon?? Unless you are restricted from owning one or want to cause harm?" I realize criminals won't tell and that is on them but why make it legal for them not to tell. To remove this law is dangerous.

At the time of the original vote several had a concerned about carrying a concealed handgun without a permit and because of that this was added to the bill. This is definitely not the first time it was tried to be removed. No matter where you live today, there is someone who gets shot and our law enforcement should have the knowledge that a person they are facing has a gun since the individual already knows the officer is carrying. I admit I did vote for this bill WITH this attachment. If I had ever known it would have been removed I would never have voted for it and can't understand why anyone wants to change it. If you have a spouse, a sister or brother or a son or a daughter or a grandchild that is in law enforcement (which I do) you need to pay attention because now they will be put to a disadvantage.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on such a serious matter. Please vote ought not to pass on all this bill.

Sincerely,



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