



GUN OWNERS OF MAINE

DEFENDING GUN RIGHTS

**LD 1379: An Act to Require Public Health Warnings to Be Posted and
Provided by Firearm Dealers and Gunsmiths**

We submit this testimony in opposition and would urge a vote of OUGHT NOT TO PASS.

This is one of three bills submitted this legislative session seeking to require new signage to be posted at a Federal Firearms Licensee's (FFL's) and/or gunsmith's location.

This one differs in that it proposes that the **Department of Health and Human Services** will be responsible for developing this signage, collaborating with various other entities as outlined in the proposal (though how the "gun shop" will be chosen is unclear), and ensuring this signage is adhered to. I have not yet seen a fiscal note attached to this bill, and foresee it being a costly endeavor both in formation of the required documents as well as enforcement.

FFL's are already under exceptionally strict scrutiny by the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives), the addition of yet another agency that does not specialize in firearms is unnecessary.

Lastly, I would call your attention to Section 4, which requires that the signage be "accurate and effective", and ask you to question how the determination of efficacy would occur.

On behalf of our membership and the Gun Owners of Maine Board of Directors,

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