

Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians

Testimony of David Moltz, MD
To the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
132nd Maine State Legislature
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Concerning LD 1743

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am Dr. David Moltz, and I live in Portland, and I am testifying today representing the Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians, in support of LD 1743, **An Act to Allow Municipalities to Prohibit Firearms Within Their Municipal Buildings and Voting Places and at their Municipal Public Proceedings.**

Intimidation does not have to be physical or verbal. Simply carrying or openly displaying a lethal weapon can create fear and intimidation. Town Councillors and election officials serve in the public interest, and they should feel safe to fulfill their duties. Citizens who want to vote or to participate in public meetings should feel safe and free to do so.

The Supreme Court has specifically allowed firearms to be prohibited at “legislative assemblies, polling places and courthouses.” This recognizes the importance to officials and citizens to be able to participate in the work of government without fear or intimidation.

On behalf of the Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians I urge you to vote “ought to pass” for LD 1743.

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