

Good afternoon Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Stephen Brough from Bangor and I must rise in opposition to LD 22.

This proposed law honestly has me perplexed, as there is already a similar law on the books at a federal level with a higher penalty. (18) USC 922 (a)(5) and 922(d).

Do the boilerplate operators within the Democratic party know so little about laws already in affect that they propose dual legislation? Or did someone stick this in front of a Rep. and say "Here, sign on for this."? We all know it happens, don't kid yourself that it doesn't happen and that we don't know it. When legislators can't explain or defend their own bills, it's only too obvious.

This law will provide nothing in the way of an increase in safety, merely the appearance thereof to the uneducated.

Think about this:

A person wants to sell a firearm to a prohibited person. Say your typical Maine gang-banger wannabe. Could be a prohibited out-of-state buyer. There is already a federal law on the books making this a criminal act. Criminals by definition don't follow gun laws.

What reasonable belief do you have that that same person violating federal law is going to suddenly declare, "Wait! That's against the state law, I better not do that!" Seriously.

It completely defies logic that this law would do a darn thing to actually prevent gun crimes. Yet here we are, demonstrating that this will be ineffective at best and every minute spent on this bill thus far is a complete waste of the Legislatures' time that could have been spent working on something of substance.