

# Opposing L.D. 22, Impeding Firearm Transfers to the Prohibited

This Bill sounds laudible, but with closer inspection, you should file it under "Lex Mallum, Lex Nulla."

#1. This Bill is redundant, and merely echoes, 18 USC S 922 d. "It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or otherwise dispose of any firearm or ammunition, to any person knowing, or having reasonable cause to believe, that such a person," etc. Then they go down the list of prohibitions detailed on form 4473.

#2. How many Maine citizens "knowingly" sell guns to felons? Very, very, few. In the past 50 years, I can only think of 4. And 3 were Licensed Dealers! Who is still in business!

One dealer asked me if I'd help him run guns to the Mohawk Reservation in Upstate New York. I thought he was channeling a western movie, but he was later caught trying to smuggle Arms to the I.R.A. His last bad decision was pulling a knife on his wife, who shot him dead! Dealers can cover "Honky Tonky," with bogus 4473's.

#3. Any ~~time~~ time a Gun Bill focuses on inanimate objects, instead of consequences for illegal behavior, you know it's a Leftist scheme. You'd greatly reduce criminals getting guns, by giving them 5 years in prison for possession. Currently, it's only a writ stop.

#4 The Left thinks jamming the supply of something will reduce demand. Prohibition of alcohol was a failure. Governor Mills said Maine had 10,000 drug O.D.'s last year. How's that war working out? There are 450 million guns in the US, and anyone so motivated will get one! We need to show the reward is not worth the risk!

#5 Exactly how do you prove, someone sold a gun with "certain knowledge," it was to a "Black Hat?" There's really only 2 ways: = Entrapment, which is a waste of Law Enforcement Resources, as well as Legally "sketchy."

Or a Plea Deal for a Squeal! you cut the criminal loose in exchange for him ratting out the seller. This



Not only excuses the greater of the 2 evils, you'd be basing the charge on the word of a felon, who has every reason to lie, to save his own skin. There's a huge issue with credibility here. Not all liars are dangerous, but all dangerous people lie!

I realize that a number of Maine D.A.'s aren't really concerned with True Justice, & correct outcomes, when they can be promoting Social Activism. But Maine already has enough Laws. Its problem is a lack of will to enforce them.

This Bill is a solution in search of a problem, and its goal is attempting to create more criminals from the ranks of honest gun owners. Its unenforceable, and a state echo chamber to existing Federal Law. It belongs in the circular file.

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