

Public Testimony Maine State Legislature

Judiciary

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Please oppose LD 829, LD 1049 and LD 998.

These bills turn gun permit laws into a joke. This is an obvious move to dismantle Maine's legally passed gun permit laws. LD 829 removes the requirement for a gun owner to have a valid permit in order to have a concealed handgun in state parks. LD 1049 allows a person carrying a concealed handgun without a valid permit, to keep that information from a law enforcement officer. The gun owner would have no responsibility to tell the officer he was carrying a gun without a permit. Have the bill's sponsors consulted with Maine law enforcement agencies about this? And LD 998, employee guns stored in their vehicles at while at work, doesn't change the rights of the owners to keep guns in their cars. It just makes it legal for them to do it without a valid permit. All three bills are designed to chip away at the state of Maine's gun law permits. None of them will increase safety in Maine.

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