

LD 1126 An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms

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Testimonial of David G. Fitz MD

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn:
Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is David Fitz. I'm from Cumberland, Maine, where I've lived for 45 years. I'm a husband, father, grandfather, a gun owner, hunter, fisherman, and a retired surgeon. I have taught hunter safety courses in the past as a certified instructor.

I'm testifying today in favor of LD 1126, to bring a new technology of 3-D printing into proper legal perspective regarding the home fabrication of firearms. This bill will require that any firearm: "home-made," 3-D printed, or reassembled from multiple acquired and unserialized parts, be given serial numbers. There has been a loophole available for too long allowing the unauthorized selling, trading and creating of new untraceable firearms.

I first heard about the amazing potential of 3D printing from my son, years ago as an engineering student, when the technology was in its infancy. Fast forward to 2025, when a high percentage of gun related crimes are being committed with untraceable, unserialized reassembled weapons, and 3D-created weapons.

The loophole of assembling weapons from multiple acquired parts without a background check, AND the fabrication of firearms without any traceable serial numbers and no background check, is no longer acceptable to law enforcement, nor any law abiding citizen, hoping to live safely in one's community.

This proposed law is a natural and necessary step to provide equal footing in regulation of the manufacture of all firearms. Why should there be 2 standards?

It will help law enforcement in obvious ways, AND as these laws are passed around the country, we will all be safer.

Please vote, "Ought to pass."

Than you .

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