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Testimony of Representative Dan Shagoury introducing
**LD 1157, An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the State's Background
Check Center**
Before the Health and Human Services Committee

Good afternoon, Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and fellow members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. I am Representative Dan Shagoury, and I represent House District 55 - the communities of Hallowell, Manchester and West Gardiner. I am pleased to present **LD 1157, An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the State's Background Check Center**, on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services.

As some of you may recall, I sponsored a bill on this topic in the 131st Legislature that the committee supported. That legislation, then LD 1925, dealt with a number of technical changes and updates with respect to the Maine Background Check Center (MBCC). This included authorizing the MBCC to collect fingerprints and do national background checks.

To fully implement this provision, the Division of Licensing and Certification must first obtain express final approval from the FBI, who have requested a few minor language changes before granting that approval.

The Department will follow my testimony and provide additional details around these language changes. I hope the committee will support this measure so that the work to enhance efficiency and support the users of the MBCC can continue.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to working with you on this bill.