

Testimony of David G. Fitz MD

Judiciary Committee

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LD 1120 An Act to Promote the Secure Storage of Firearms

LD 1174 An Act to Allow Gun Shops to Hold Firearms for Veterans of the United States
Armed Forces and First Responders

LD 1104 An Act to limit the Liability of Persons Who Provide Firearms Hold Agreements

LD 1299 An Act to Prohibit the Unsecured Storage of Handguns in Motor Vehicles

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.

My testimony today is in favor of these 4 bills. Safe storage has always been promoted by any firearm instruction group, including the National Rifle Association. Maine's previously passed safe storage legislation will only be strengthened. In addition, with readily noticeable signage required in gun shops, the public should be well aware of the necessity for storage of firearms around children. It is my impression that there is a significant population of people who are unaware of what laws are passed in Augusta: this should help.

Unsecured storage of handguns in an automobile is a real problem, as evidenced by frightening figures on gun theft in locked and unlocked vehicles. The glove box, or under the

front seat doesn't cut it. LD 1299 will definitely help. Please vote "ought to pass" for these bills.

Thank you,

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