

LD 1821 -An Act to Ensure Responsible Business Practices by Licensed Firearms Dealers

Memorandum of Opposition

Date: May 01, 2025

To: Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee Members,

From: Jonathan Martell

RE: LD 1619 - An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws

Members of the committee, I would like to express my Opposition of LD 1821 -An Act to Ensure Responsible Business Practices by Licensed Firearms Dealers

My Name is Jonathan Martell, from Sanford.

I am a currently serving Sanford City Councilor, Lifetime member of the Gun Owners of Maine, Legislative Officer for the Sanford Springvale Fish and Game Club, NRA Range Safety Officer, and lifelong firearms enthusiast.

Standards are not defined for the alarm system.

No one keeps recordings for 2 years other than police departments and they do not record 24/7 as the storage requirements are cost prohibitive even for government agencies.

Background checks may not be preformed using the NICS system per the ATF
<https://www.atf.gov/firearms/federal-firearms-licensee-quick-reference-and-best-practices-guide#:~:text=ATF%20encourages%20licensees%20to%20conduct,NICS%20system%20for%20these%20checks.>

ATF encourages licensees to conduct background checks on their employees on a regular interval (e.g., on an annual basis) to ensure prohibited employees do not possess firearms or ammunition. However, licensees may not use the NICS system for these checks.

FFL's are already required to record any firearms that come into the shop under Federal Regulations. There is no need to potentially have conflicting rules when the federal rules are already strict.

The inspection requirements conflict with federal law as BATF personnel may not all be Law Enforcement Officers.

Reporting is incorrect as federal law only covers multiple sales to unlicensed persons. A person may sell multiple firearms to a FFL without a reporting requirement. The BATF will not accept any such reporting, and will only waste the time of local law enforcement to report to local authorities.

Compliance.

Are we really interested in wasting the time of local law enforcement to check on arbitrary things that go well beyond the Federal requirements? This is nothing more than harassment of firearms dealers with no set standards for them to even attempt to follow.

The Notice requirement again is arbitrary and goes against current state law.

<https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/15/title15sec455-A.html>

"ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IS A CRIME. IF YOU LEAVE A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF A CHILD, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINE, IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH.

KEEP FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION SEPARATE.

KEEP FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION LOCKED UP.

USE TRIGGER LOCKS."

Again, the rest of the required notice is arbitrary and untrue statements.

The bill does not define the hotline number which is readily available. Not does it properly identify the section as intended.

The firearms instructor list is arbitrary and not defined.

Is this known instructors?

Is there a list for the entire state?

Gun Shows:

Again the signage is not defined, goes against current law, and is arbitrary.

This bill is another attempt to harass Firearms Stores and Firearms Shows. There is nothing reasonable about this legislation.

Please stop the hate and blatant disregard for our Civil Rights, and vote ought not to pass for this bill.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Martell
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