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In this time of increased public anxiety about the pandemic, with gun sales increasing particularly by first time purchasers. why would we want to increase the likelihood of gunfire and gun shot wounds and deaths out in public? LD 1138 brings us back to the Wild West days of Shoot First, Ask Questions Later. Why are we encouraging citizens to get vaccinated and at the same time encouraging them to arm themselves and fire away upon the slightest perceived threat? If I ask someone to put on a mask, will I be gunned down? If I frown at someone, will that be interpreted as a threat worthy of my being blown away? It seems to me that LD 1138 will allow Maine to be a free fire zone. Maybe I should just hunker down, turning my home into a bunker. Maybe my fellow surgeons and ER doctors should stand by for an increasing stream of GSW patients. Let's hire more forensic pathologists and medical examiners to handle the increased stream of GSW deaths. LD 1138 is an affront and challenge to public health.