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LD 168

I oppose LD 168, “An Act Regarding Criminal Background Checks for the Sale, Transfer or Exchange of Firearms”.

This bill requires background checks for all private firearm sales, including those at gun shows or resulting from advertising, with very limited exceptions. It applies to a private sale between two parties – including friends, neighbors, and coworkers, regardless of where the sale takes place. All such transfers – even if the seller knows the recipient is not a prohibited person – would have to be conducted through a federal firearm licensed dealer (FFL), with extensive federal paperwork, payment of an undetermined fee, and approval from the U.S. government.

This bill is once again an attack on law-abiding Maine citizens, and a direct violation of our Maine Constitutional rights, specifically Article 1, Section 16: “To keep and bear arms. Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned.”

My rights don't end where your fear begins.

This is a solution looking for a problem that Maine does not have. Maine is the safest state in the nation.

I oppose any bill intending to strip Maine citizens of our Constitutional rights.

Again, I oppose LD 168 “An Act Regarding Criminal Background Checks for the Sale, Transfer or Exchange of Firearms”, and it "ought not to pass".