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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 779, L.D. 1174, "An Act to Allow Gun Shops to Hold Firearms for Veterans of the United States Armed Forces and First Responders"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Limit the Liability of Gun Shops That Provide Firearm Hold Agreements'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2017 in subsection 1 in paragraph B in the first line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or oral"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2017 in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph C (page 1, lines 11 and 12 in L.D.).

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2017 in subsection 1 by relettering the paragraphs to read alphabetically.

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2017 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 14 to 22 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'2. Holding firearms for 3rd parties. A gun shop may take possession of a firearm from a person for safekeeping under the following conditions:

A. The gun shop enters into a firearm hold agreement with the owner of the firearm; and

B. The gun shop contacts the owner of the firearm every 6 months after taking possession of the firearm until the firearm is returned to the owner of the firearm.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2017 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "section." the following: 'An action may not be brought against a person for refusing to enter into a firearm hold agreement with any person.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 1, lines 33 and 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "for veterans of the United States Armed Forces or first

responders" and inserting the following: 'in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2017'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the limitation in the bill that a firearm hold agreement may be made only with a veteran of the United States Armed Forces or a first responder. The amendment clarifies that a firearm hold agreement must be written and that held firearms do not need to be kept separate from the gun shop's inventory. The amendment prohibits an action from being brought against a person for refusing to enter into a firearm hold agreement. The amendment also changes the title of the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



Approved: 05/30/25 **LRL**

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LD 1174

LR 1381(02)

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

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Public Safety from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.