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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Talbot of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Regulating Handguns.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

30 MRSA, c. 215, sub-c. IV-A, is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER IV-A

HANDGUNS

§ 2661. Regulated

No person, firm or corporation in any municipality shall sell to any person any handgun except in accordance with this subchapter.

§ 2662. Defined

A handgun shall mean a firearm having a barrel length of less than 15 inches and designed and intended to be fired with one hand, using fixed ammunition.

This subchapter shall not apply to a handgun falling under the accepted standards as "antique firearm."

§ 2663. Certificate

Such person, firm or corporation shall require the person seeking to purchase such handgun to sign a certificate containing the following information:

Name Driver's License No.
or

Date of Birth Social Security No.

Address How long at such address
Occupation Present Employer
Sex Ht. Wgt. Color Hair Color Eyes
Distinguishing Marks
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?
If so, description thereof
Are you now under complaint or indictment for a felony?
If so, description thereof
Signature
Date Time

§ 2664. Examination of records

Such person, firm or corporation shall deliver, within 24 hours of time marked on certificate, such certificate to the chief of police of the municipality, or his duly authorized representative, and said chief of police or his duly authorized representative shall have 72 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after receiving said certificate to make an examination of the records contained in the police department of the municipality and in State police headquarters to determine from such records whether or not the person signing such certificate has been convicted of, or is under complaint or indictment for, a felony.

§ 2665. Application

This subchapter shall not apply to transactions between licensed gun dealers.

§ 2666. Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation selling a handgun to any person before the expiration of said 72 hours or when notified within said period by the chief of police, or his authorized representative, that a person signing such certificate has been convicted of, or is under complaint or indictment for, a felony shall, on conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days; or by both.

Any person who signs a certificate containing false information for the purpose of complying with this subchapter shall, on conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.