

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 817, L.D. 1171, Bill, "An  
Act to Provide a 15-day Waiting Period on the Sale of Handguns"

Amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the  
following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill establishes a 15-day waiting period on the sale of  
handguns, which will significantly increase criminal records  
checks by the Department of Public Safety. The State Bureau of  
Identification is in the process of computerizing the criminal  
records. Given the lack of experience with an automated system,  
the exact requirement for additional staff to allow local police  
and the sheriffs' offices to comply with the 15-day period can  
not be determined.

This bill also provides that any person violating any  
provisions of the law is guilty of a Class E crime. The  
additional work load and administrative costs associated with a  
minimal number of new cases filed in District Court as a result  
of the violation will be absorbed within the budgeted resources  
of the Judicial Department.

Sentences imposed for a Class E offense must be served in a  
county jail facility. The projected costs to a county for each  
person sentenced under the new Class E crime is approximately  
\$3,820 and is based upon an average length of stay of 67 days.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Legal Affairs  
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