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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 782, L.D. 1138, "Resolve, To Provide Assistance to Private Sellers of Firearms"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Department of Public Safety to assist private sellers of firearms.

Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety shall assist private sellers of firearms by providing information about how to collect appropriate information about the purchasers of firearms and how to obtain criminal history record checks on those purchasers. The Department of Public Safety shall invite the United States Attorney for the District of Maine and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine to collaborate in order to educate the public and private sellers and encourage access to the United States Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods website where private sellers can obtain a gun seller's tool kit. The Department of Public Safety shall invite the United States Attorney for the District of Maine and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine to assist it in contacting Maine's federally licensed firearms dealers and compiling a list of those dealers who are willing to perform criminal history record checks of buyers purchasing firearms from private sellers. Once the list is compiled, the Department of Public Safety shall ask the United States Attorney for the District of Maine and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine to maintain the list on their publicly accessible websites, including information about the cost of the service to private sellers. The Department of Public Safety shall also publicize this information to educate the public and shall invite the United States Attorney for the District of Maine and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine to do the same; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety shall report its progress in working with the United States Attorney for the District of Maine and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine to implement the proposal under section 1, educate the public and recruit federally licensed firearms dealers who are willing to conduct background checks for private sellers and the number of checks that they conduct to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by February 1, 2010.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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This amendment directs the Department of Public Safety to assist private sellers of firearms by providing information about how to collect appropriate information about the purchasers of firearms and how to obtain criminal history record checks on those purchasers. In this effort, the Department of Public Safety shall invite the United States Attorney for the District of Maine and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine to collaborate in order to educate the public and private sellers and encourage access to the United States Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods website where private sellers can obtain a gun seller's tool kit. The department shall also invite the United States Attorney for the District of Maine and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine to assist it in contacting Maine's federally licensed firearms dealers and compiling a list of those dealers who are willing to perform criminal history record checks of buyers purchasing firearms from private sellers. The department shall post that list on its website and shall invite both the United States Attorney for the District of Maine and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine to include the list on their existing websites and shall publicize the information to educate the public. The department shall report its progress to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by February 1, 2010.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 1138

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Resolve, To Provide Assistance to Private Sellers of Firearms

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Public Safety associated with assisting private sellers of firearms can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.