

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 256

House of Representatives, February 2, 2017

### **An Act To Repeal Certain Requirements Concerning the Sale and Purchase of Firearms**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARVELL of Farmington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §455**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. H, §1  
3 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

4 **§455. Sales of firearms**

5 ~~1. **Forms.** A dealer may not:~~

6 ~~A. Sell, let or loan a firearm to a person without making a copy of the form a dealer~~  
7 ~~must keep as prescribed by 18 United States Code, Section 923. The copy must be~~  
8 ~~made and marked as "STATE COPY" before the firearm is delivered; or~~

9 ~~B. Refuse to show or refuse to allow inspection of a copy of the form described in~~  
10 ~~paragraph A to a sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, constable, game warden or~~  
11 ~~prosecuting attorney.~~

12 ~~A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of \$50~~  
13 ~~may be adjudged.~~

14 **2. False or fictitious name.** A person may not give a false or fictitious name to a  
15 firearms dealer. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for  
16 which a fine of \$50 may be adjudged.

17 ~~3. **Exception.** This section does not apply to a wholesaler who sells only to other~~  
18 ~~dealers or to a manufacturer who sells only at wholesale.~~

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill repeals the law that requires a firearms dealer who sells, lets or loans a  
21 firearm to make a copy of the form the dealer must keep pursuant to federal law and to  
22 show that copy to a law enforcement officer or prosecuting attorney.