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H.P. 590

House of Representatives, March 2, 2023

**An Act to Enhance Privacy and Prohibit Shipping Companies from
Maintaining Records of Firearm and Ammunition Shipments**

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 ARDELL of Monticello.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2015** is enacted to read:

3 **§2015. Common carrier and contract carrier firearms or firearms owner record,**
4 **registry or database prohibited**

5 **1. Prohibition.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a common
6 carrier or contract carrier for transportation or shipment may not keep or cause to be kept
7 a record, registry or database of privately owned firearms in this State; a record, registry or
8 database of firearm owners in this State; or a record, registry or database of firearm
9 possessors in this State that contains sufficient information to establish a connection
10 between any specific sender or receiver of a shipment in this State containing a firearm or
11 firearm ammunition, including, but not limited to, information regarding the name and
12 address of an individual and information regarding the make, model, caliber or serial
13 number of a firearm.

14 **2. Penalty.** A common carrier or contract carrier for transportation or shipment that
15 violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of \$1,000 for each item of
16 information stored in a record, registry or database in violation of subsection 1 must be
17 adjudged.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill makes it unlawful for common carriers or contract carriers for transportation
20 or shipment to maintain a record, registry or database containing information relating to
21 firearms, firearm owners and firearm possessors that would be sufficient to establish a
22 connection between any person and any specific firearm or firearm ammunition. The
23 penalty for violating this law is a civil violation for which a fine of \$1,000 must be adjudged
24 for each item of information stored in a record, registry or database by a common carrier
25 or contract carrier for transportation or shipment.