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CHAPTER 53
H.P. 782 - L.D. 1138

**Resolve, To Provide Assistance
to Private Sellers of Firearms**

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.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 54
S.P. 131 - L.D. 367

**Resolve, To Convene a Work
Group To Design and
Implement a Statewide
Disposable Checkout Bag
Reduction Campaign, with
Benchmarks**

Whereas, the State has adopted a solid waste management hierarchy that places waste reduction and reuse above recycling as preferred management systems for solid waste; and

Whereas, the State has been an advocate of policies that reduce litter and enhance the natural beauty of the State; and

Whereas, the use of disposable checkout bags consumes valuable natural resources in their production, increases waste generation and contributes to litter; and

Whereas, state law designates recycling requirements for retail establishments that distribute plastic bags; and

Whereas, grocers and retailers in the State recognize resource limitations and they understand the leadership role they play in participating in public awareness programs and adopting programs that can generate environmental benefits; and

Whereas, grocers and retailers in the State have been promoting and encouraging the use of reusable checkout bags for the transport of products and goods from their stores; and

Whereas, this legislation establishes a process to review current law and recycling practices and to establish effective and innovative approaches to reduce the use and increase the recycling of disposable checkout bags; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Convene work group. Resolved: That the Executive Department, State Planning Office shall establish a work group, through a partnership with state agencies and other appropriate entities, to work together towards a viable solution to the checkout bag issue to achieve environmental benefits, maintain financial viability for manufacturers and retailers and avoid cost impacts for consumers; and be it further

Sec. 2. Participants. Resolved: That the Executive Department, State Planning Office shall invite representatives of the following agencies, organizations and businesses to participate in the work group:

1. Department of Environmental Protection;