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LD 168 / HP0109

An Act Regarding Criminal Background Checks for the Sale, Transfer or Exchange of Firearms. Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Public Hearing 04/03/23. Final Disposition: Died Between Houses 07/06/23.

Original Bill

[LD 168 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf131-LD-0168.pdf)

[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(CJPS\) \(04/03/2023\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(CJPS\) \(05/17/2023\)](#)

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New Drafts and Amendments

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[Amendment HA/CA \(H-664\) \(LD 168 2023\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

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News Articles

- Let's show students that we take school, gun safety seriously (Margo Dennis) (Portland Press Herald, 3/2/2023, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD01xx/nc131-LD-0168/PPH 230302B.pdf)
- Universal background checks lead gun control bills before Legislature (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 4/4/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD01xx/nc131-LD-0168/PPH 230404A.pdf)
- Mainers deserve to live without fear of gun violence (Geoff Gratwick) (Bangor Daily News, 4/21/2023, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD01xx/nc131-LD-0168/BDN 230421F.pdf)
- Background checks crucial to preventing gun violence (Judi Richardson and Wayne Richardson) (Kennebec Journal, 6/5/2023, p. A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD01xx/nc131-LD-0168/KJ 230603A.pdf)
- On gun safety, lawmakers should listen to their voters (Geoff Gratwick and Peter Fromuth) (Bangor Daily News, 6/15/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD01xx/nc131-LD-0168/BDN 230615H.pdf)
- Gun control bid that Maine voters nixed in '16 clears House by 1 vote (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 6/27/2023, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD01xx/nc131-LD-0168/BDN 230627C.pdf)
- Maine Senate defeats gun-control proposal (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 6/28/2023, p. B1) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD01xx/nc131-LD-0168/BDN 230628E.pdf)
- All but one local legislators support closing loophole on background checks for gun sales (Stephen Betts) (Courier-Gazette, 7/7/2023, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD01xx/nc131-LD-0168/Courier-Gazette 230629C.pdf)
- Drumbeat of gun control outrage is hysterical reckless (Matt Harrington) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 7/6/2023, p. D3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD01xx/nc131-LD-0168/MST 230702F.pdf)

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