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History and Final Disposition

LD 2238 / SP0958

An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearing 03/07/24. (OTP-AM) Report A Accepted 04/16/24. Amended by: CA S-684. Final Disposition: Enacted, Unsigned 04/30/24, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 678.

Original Bill

[LD 2238 \(131st Legis. 2024\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law

[LD 2238 / PL 2023, c. 678](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

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[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(JUD\) \(03/07/2024\)](#)

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(S-684\) \(LD 2238 2024\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment CB \(S-685\) \(LD 2238 2024\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, February 28, 2024 \(H-1370-1381\)](#)

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[SENATE, April 11, 2024 \(S-2264-2300\)](#)

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Enacted Law or Resolve

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News Articles

Democrats unveil gun safety bills - partisan fights begin (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 2/29/2024, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/PPH 240229B.pdf)

Gun law advocates, opponents pack hearings (Randy Billings, and Rachel Ohm) (Portland Press Herald, 3/8/2024, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/PPH 240308C.pdf)

As lawmakers zero in on gun reforms, advocates describe a 'pivotal moment' (Billings, Randy and Ohm, Rachel) (Portland Press Herald, 3/14/2024, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/PPH 240314A.pdf)

Expanded background checks, gun wait period move ahead (Rachel Ohm) (Portland Press Herald, 3/28/2024, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/PPH 240328B.pdf)

Maine Senate supports 72-hour waiting period, expanded background checks (Megan Gray) (Portland Press Herald, 4/16/2024, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/PPH 240413A.pdf)

In close vote, House oks 72 hour wait when buying firearms (Rachel Ohm) (Portland Press Herald, 4/17/2024, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/PPH 240417B.pdf)

Mills allows waiting period for gun sales to become law (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 4/30/2024, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/PPH 240430A.pdf)

Mills vetoes bump stock ban; waiting period to be law (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 5/1/2024, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/BDN 240501C.pdf)

Gun rights advocates plan legal challenge to wait law (Rachel Ohm) (Portland Press Herald, 5/1/2024, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/PPH 240501A.pdf)

Kittery Trading Post threatens to move firearms business to NH (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 5/6/2024, p. D1, D2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/BDN 240504H.pdf)

Gun show will raise money to challenge 72-hour waiting period for purchases (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 7/11/2024, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/PPH 240711A.pdf)

Setting sights on new gun law (Jake Freudberg) (Central Maine Sunday, 7/15/2024, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/CMS 240713A.pdf)

Gun shops have questions on new waiting period law (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 7/29/2024, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/BDN 240727A.pdf)

How Maine wants gun dealers to enforce 72-hour waiting period (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 8/12/2024, p. B1, B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/BDN 240808C.pdf)

Records show Mills felt conflicted over gun waiting period (Rachel Ohm) (Central Maine Sunday, 11/4/2024, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/MST 241103C.pdf)

Suit challenges waiting period for gun purchases (Marie Weidmayer, and Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 11/14/2024, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/BDN 241114B.pdf)

Gun rights advocates file suit over 72-hour waiting period (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 11/14/2024, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2238/PPH 241114A.pdf)

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