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Testimony in Opposition

LD 60, An Act to Require a 72-hour Waiting Period After the Sale of a Firearm

Before the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

Presented by Mike Shaw on behalf of David Trahan, Executive Director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine - Institute for Legislative Action (SAM-ILA)

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The Honorable Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury, members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, my name is Mike Shaw, I am presenting this testimony on behalf of David Trahan, Executive Director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine-Institute for Legislative Action, testifying in opposition to LD 60, *An Act to Require a 72-hour Waiting Period After the Sale of a Firearm*.

If this bill were to pass it would require law-abiding citizens to wait an arbitrary period of time before exercising a Constitutional right; in addition, this bill appears to create an enforcement nightmare. It looks like the new requirement includes private sales and transfers. Who will enforce the new requirements? Will there be a person with a stop watch and note book keeping track?

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System will be used during the 72 hour waiting period in most firearm sales, isn't it an oxymoron to call it an instant background check and then make the purchaser wait 3 days to finally acquire the firearm?

The system is designed to be "Instant" and the process expedited for a reason, so the government intrusion in the exercise of personal liberty is as limited as possible. This bill destroys decades of Congressional intent and; furthermore, why? Maine is the safest state in the nation to live as it relates to violent crime. This policy change is unwarranted and nothing more than the equivalent of throwing shingle nails under the wheels of a bus, just because you can. This bill should be soundly defeated. Please oppose LD 60.