

Private Gun Transfer Ban Referendum

Moms Demand Action, the New York billionaire Michael Bloomberg's anti-gun astroturf organization, is pushing a referendum to outlaw private transfers of firearms. They're shipping out-of-state money and people into Maine to put their measure on our ballot, and buy themselves a law on our books.

This confusingly-written and ambiguous law would criminalize ordinary and traditional behavior, like selling a gun to a friend, or loaning a gun to a neighbor to go hunting. In order to comply with the law, you and your friend or neighbor would have to go to a licensed dealer, fill out Federal paperwork, undergo an FBI background check, and pay a fee before you could turn over your firearm. ***But, wait! That's not all.*** You'll have to do it all over again before your gun can be returned to you. And if the FBI background check makes a mistake and denies or delays you, as it does over 60,000 times a year to law-abiding citizens, you may not get your gun back.

While the anti-gunners say this law is needed to keep guns out of the hands of criminals, the Federal government's own data shows that few criminals obtain guns through private sales; far more acquire them through background-checked dealer sales, by sending a person with a clean record to buy the gun. ***The real reason Bloomberg wants this law is that it is the key step toward mandatory gun registration.*** In fact, there's no way this law can be enforced *without* gun registration.

Don't be fooled into thinking that Universal Background Checks are a good idea -- ***it is a law designed to fail***, in order to justify the next step on the anti-gunner's agenda: universal registration.

It's failed New York solution to a problem Maine doesn't have. Help us fight it, by joining Gun Owners of Maine online at www.gunownersofmaine.org/join .

Big Wins in Concealed Carry

With the support of Gun Owners of Maine, ***Maine has become the nation's newest Constitutional Carry state.*** Thanks to legislation sponsored by Sen. Eric Brakey, Maine joins the ranks of Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Wyoming, and our New England neighbor Vermont.

Under the new law, Mainers -- or those from out-of-state -- may carry a concealed handgun if they are 21 years of age or older (or 18+ and active-duty or honorably discharged US Military) and are not otherwise prohibited from possessing or carrying a firearm. That's it; if you can legally own a handgun, you can carry your handgun concealed.

Training is still important, even though it is no longer required under the new law. Gun Owners of Maine has a free online training course available at www.safer-maine.org; we strongly encourage anyone wishing to take advantage of your restored freedom to take this course.

Maine still issues and renews Concealed Handgun Permits -- they haven't gone away, and there are still many good reasons to get or keep a permit. It's just not required any more.

For those *with* a permit, ***the State of New Hampshire now recognizes Maine Concealed Handgun Permits!*** With your Maine resident permit, you may now carry a concealed handgun in our neighbor state. This is as a result of a new law, supported by Gun Owners of Maine, which opens up the criteria for Maine's reciprocal recognition of carry permits. NH resident permits are now recognized by Maine, as well.

The lack of reciprocity with our only bordering state has long been an irritant for Maine concealed carriers, and it is fitting that reciprocity with NH is the first fruit of the new law.

Suppressor Hunting Now Legal in Maine

Firearm suppressors, or silencers, are more popular than ever. Now, with the passage of legislation supported by Gun Owners of Maine, suppressor hunting is finally legal in Maine, as it is in 34 other states.

Suppressor hunting protects hearing, makes hunting safer, and reduces noise complaints.

A suppressor hunting permit from IF&W is required. The application is available from their web site at:

http://www.maine.gov/ifw/licenses_permits/forms_applications.htm

“Dangerous Knives” Ban Repealed

In the 1950’s, Maine banned so-called “dangerous knives”, based on hysteria over juvenile delinquency -- much as today’s politicians try to end violent crime by banning guns. Finally, this feel-good, do-nothing anachronism of a law has been repealed, and Mainers can now purchase, possess and carry modern automatic knives, thanks to legislation sponsored by Rep. Joel Stetkis and supported by Gun Owners of Maine.

Gun Owners of Maine, Inc. is a volunteer, grassroots Maine nonprofit corporation dedicated to preserving and protecting the right of the people to keep and bear arms, and assists members and nonmembers alike in locating training and educational resources to further responsible firearms handlings and ownership. Gun Owners of Maine is a nonpartisan citizen activist group and does not endorse any political group.

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