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### **An Act to Eliminate Background Checks for Private Sales of Firearms**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, HAGGAN of Hampden, MORRIS of Turner, NUTTING of Oakland, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, SMITH of Palermo, THORNE of Carmel, WADSWORTH of Hiram.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §395, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 675, §6, is repealed.

3 **Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §395, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 675, §6, is repealed and  
4 the following enacted in its place:

5 **2. Transactions covered by this section.** This section applies only to transactions in  
6 which a dealer sells to a buyer at a gun show.

7 **Sec. 3. 15 MRSA §395, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 675, §6, is amended to  
8 read:

9 **4. Requirement for transactions covered by this section.** A seller who is not a  
10 ~~federally licensed firearms dealer may not complete a transaction to which this section~~  
11 ~~applies unless the seller facilitates the transaction through a federally licensed firearms~~  
12 ~~dealer. The dealer shall perform a background check of the putative buyer in a transaction~~  
13 ~~to which this section applies by using the Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Instant~~  
14 ~~Criminal Background Check System in the same manner as if the dealer were the seller of~~  
15 ~~the firearm that is the subject of the transaction. If the background check reveals that the~~  
16 ~~putative buyer is prohibited from purchasing a firearm, the dealer shall notify the seller of~~  
17 ~~that fact and of the fact that the transaction may not proceed. The dealer may charge a~~  
18 ~~reasonable fee for serving as the facilitator.~~

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill amends the law governing background checks of firearms buyers to eliminate  
21 background checks for private sales of firearms.