



# Gun Owners of Maine News Bulletin

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## ANTI-GUN FEVER IN AUGUSTA!

### *Dozens of Anti-Gun Bills Introduced*

The newly-convened 129th Maine Legislature got right down to work and created over two dozen new bills that would infringe Mainers' gun rights, from outlawing private lending and sales of firearms, to laying the groundwork for gun registration, to outright gun confiscation with little or no due process.

Only the titles of these bill are available now, so details will have to wait until the bill text is available, but here is the list of bills which anti-gun legislators are proposing to erode your rights:

**LR 230, Rep. Hymanson, York**  
An Act To Create a Community Protection Order To Allow Courts To Prevent High-risk Individuals from Possessing Firearms

**LR 23, Spkr. Gideon, Freeport**  
An Act To Create Safer Communities in Maine

**LR 269, Rep. Fecteau, Biddeford**  
An Act To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Implement a Firearm Safety and Firearm Violence Prevention Program

**LR 1358, Rep. Costain, Plymouth**  
An Act To Address the Welfare and Safety of Persons with Mental Illness Involved in Critical Situations

### **The Time to Support Gun Rights Is Now**

Mainers are fortunate to live in a place where they enjoy some of the best firearms laws in the country. Gun Owners of Maine has helped make it that way, and helps keep it that way. But the reality is that, even for a grassroots organization like us, it takes resources to carry out our mission to defend and extend gun rights. In the current climate, with a richly-funded anti-gun lobby pushing state and Federal anti-gun bills, we are stretched pretty thin. We survive on the support of gun owners like yourself, for whom your gun rights are too valuable to leave to someone else's generosity. Paid memberships, donations and raffle ticket sales are all important forms of support for our work. Please consider supporting us, so we can continue to defend and extend our gun rights, and pass them along to the next generation.

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**LR 149, Rep. Reckitt, S. Portland**  
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**LR 234, Rep. Cardone, Bangor**  
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**LR 1462, Rep. Cardone, Bangor**  
An Act To Prohibit Large-capacity Magazines

**LR 2139, Rep. Fecteau, Biddeford**  
An Act To Implement an Electronic Background Check for Firearms Licenses and Permits

**LR 1477, Rep. Reckitt, S. Portland**  
An Act To Prohibit Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms

**LR 1088, Sen. Breen, Cumberland**  
An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Weapons at Municipal Public Proceedings and Voting Places

**LR 546, Rep. Brooks, Lewiston**  
An Act To Establish a Statewide Voluntary Firearm Collection Day and Ongoing Program

**LR 147, Sen. Millett, Cumberland**  
An Act Regarding Access to Firearms by Extremely Dangerous and Suicidal Individuals

**LR 1618, Rep. Perry, Calais**  
An Act To Protect Children from Accidental Injury Due to Unsafe Storage of Firearms

**LR 377, Rep. Doudera, Camden**  
An Act To Protect Children by Requiring the Safe Storage of Loaded Firearms

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**LR 1953, Rep. Moonen, Portland**  
An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Weapons at Municipal Public Proceedings and Voting Places

**LR 1096, Sen. Sanborn, Cumberland**  
An Act To Better Enforce the Prohibition against Dangerous Persons Possessing Firearms

**LR 276, Sen. Miramant, Knox**  
An Act To Require Background Checks for All Private Firearm Sales or Transfers

**LR 431, Rep. Cardone, Bangor**  
An Act To Promote the Safe Use and Sale of Firearms

**LR 1804, Sen. Carson, Cumberland**  
An Act To Reduce Suicides and Violent Crimes by Providing Waiting Periods for the Sale of Firearms

**LR 1922, Rep. Daughtry, Brunswick**  
An Act Regarding Gun Control

**LR 1258, Sen. Chenette, York**  
An Act To Allow Municipalities To Enforce Noise Ordinances Imposed on Shooting Ranges

**LR 527, Sen. Miramant, Knox**  
An Act To Allow Courts To Prevent Certain High-risk Individuals from Possessing Firearms

**LR 1677, Sen. Chenette, York**  
An Act To Promote Safe Schools through the Creation of the Safe School Climate Council

**LR 1501, Rep. Mastraccio, Sanford**  
An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms on Municipally Owned Property

**LR 432, Rep. Cardone, Bangor**  
An Act To Reduce the Number of Domestic Assaults and Suicides

# Mills Nominates Rabid Anti-Gun Former Portland Police Chief for Commissioner of Public Safety

Governor Janet Mills has nominated her choice for Commissioner of Public Safety, and it is former Portland Police Chief Michael Sauschuck, a long-time opponent of gun rights who served as a board member for the Maine Citizens Against Handgun Violence and the Maine Gun Safety Coalition.

During his time as Portland Chief of Police, Sauschuck testified in opposition to Constitutional Carry, and appeared together with national gun control advocate Gabby Giffords to support the Universal Background Check initiative rejected by voters.

Mike Sauschuck supports:

- Banning private transfers of firearms between law-abiding citizens
- Banning scary-looking so-called “assault weapons”
- Banning standard-capacity magazines
- Empowering police to confiscate firearms without due process

As Commissioner of Public Safety, he would direct the Maine State Police, the chief law enforcement agency in the state, and the largest issuer of Concealed Handgun Permits.

Maine gun owners cannot permit a man who has devoted so much time and energy to tearing down the right to keep and bear arms to be a fair steward of that right as Public Safety Commissioner. If Governor Mills allows this nomination to proceed,

it will signal her administration’s hostility toward gun rights and gun owners.

We need Gov. Mills to hear from gun owners, loud and clear, that Michael Sauschuck is unacceptable as Public Safety Commissioner, and that we consider his nomination to be a slap in the face of gun owners across the State of Maine.

Please contact Gov. Mills’ office and register your opposition to Michael Sauschuck’s nomination. Don’t delay, do it now. And when you’ve done that, make sure to contact your Maine State Senator as well.

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Visit our web site for more information on who you can contact and how you can help to stop this offensive nomination. Go to:

[gunownersofmaine.org/stopmike](http://gunownersofmaine.org/stopmike)

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