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**Maine Unitarian Universalist
State Advocacy Network**

Gun Safety Victories at the State House!



Maine UUs at the State House in April, lobbying for Gun Safety reforms!

In early winter, MUUSAN's Gun Safety Action Team selected LD2238 and LD2086 as our priorities for the second session of the 131st Legislature. We testified and showed up at the State House many times in support of these bills. We got one of the two over the finish line! In addition, this year Maine has made significant progress on gun safety reform with LD2224 and LD2237, which many MUUSAN members also came out to support.

[LD2238](#) "An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases," sponsored by Sen. Peggy Rotundo, requires a 72-hour waiting period after the purchase of a firearm. This bill **was allowed to go into law without the governor's signature**.

[LD2086](#) "An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms," was **vetoed by the Governor**. The bill was sponsored by Sen. Anne Carney and was amended to update Maine law to include conversion devices, such as bump stocks, in the definition of a "machine gun" and to make Maine law consistent with federal law.

[LD 2224](#) "An Act to Strengthen Public Safety by Improving Maine's Firearm Laws and Mental Health System" was **signed by the governor** on Friday. The bill has three major components:

- An expansion of background check requirements for firearm transfers;
- Minor changes to the state's yellow-flag law; and
- Investments in Maine's mental health system and violence prevention programs. (Originally Speaker Talbot-Ross' bill LD2237)

<https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/governor-mills-signs-legislation-strengthen-public-safety-maines-mental-health-system-2024-04>

We give gratitude to the remarkable effort put in by the Maine Gun Safety Coalition, many MUUSAN members, and the indomitable Lynn Ellis, who is soon to step down as the volunteer MUUSAN co-chair for the Gun Safety Action Team.

Thank you for your ceaseless efforts to create a safer world, Lynn!

Please note: the MUUSAN Network Meeting that was scheduled for May 11, 2024, has been postponed until the fall. Stay tuned for the new date!

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