

Sen. Gannon, Dist 23
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Floor Amendment to HB 551-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT repealing the license to sell pistols and revolvers and limiting liability for certain
4 design features of firearms.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 5 with the following:

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8 6 New Section; Limitation of Actions Against Firearm Manufacturers and Federal Firearms
9 Licensees. Amend RSA 507-D by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

10 507-D:6 Limitation of Actions Against Firearm Manufacturers and Federal Firearms Licensees.

11 I. In any product liability action involving a firearm, the manufacturer of the firearm and
12 any federal firearms licensee (FFL) who sold or transferred the firearm shall not be liable in tort
13 under any theory of defective product design, failure to warn, negligence, strict product liability, or
14 any other claim based on the absence or presence of any of the following features:

15 (a) A magazine disconnect mechanism;

16 (b) A loaded chamber indicator;

17 (c) Authorized user recognition technology; or

18 (d) An external mechanical safety, including but not limited to a hinged, pivoting, or
19 tabbed trigger safety.

20 II. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit liability for a firearm manufacturer or
21 FFL in cases where the claimant establishes that the firearm contained an actual manufacturing
22 defect or failed to operate in a manner consistent with the manufacturer's express warranty or
23 representations.

24 III. This section shall not alter or limit any other defense available to firearm manufacturers
25 or FFL under RSA 507-D or any other applicable law.

26 IV. If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is
27 held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the chapter which can
28 be given effect without the invalid provision or application, to the fullest extent permitted by law,
29 and to this end the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.

30 V. In this section:

31 (a) "Firearm" shall have the same meaning as provided in RSA 173-B:1, XI.

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1 (b) "Magazine disconnect mechanism" shall mean a mechanism that prevents a
2 semiautomatic firearm from firing when the detachable magazine is not fully inserted in the firearm.

3 (c) "Loaded chamber indicator" shall mean a mechanism or feature intended to indicate
4 to the user that a cartridge is in the firing chamber of a firearm.

5 (d) "Authorized user recognition technology" shall mean a mechanism, device, or
6 technology applied to a firearm that prevents a user not authorized by the owner from firing the
7 firearm.

8 (e) "External manual safety" shall mean a manually operated mechanism that, when
9 engaged, blocks the trigger from functioning.

10 7 Applicability. RSA 507-D:6 as inserted by section 6 of this act shall apply to any action filed
11 on or after the effective date of this section. It shall not affect any claim that has been fully
12 adjudicated, settled, or dismissed prior to the effective date of this section.

13 8 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill repeals the local licensing requirement for the sale of pistols and revolvers. This bill further limits liability for firearm manufacturers and federal firearm licensees regarding specific design features.