

HB 2543 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits transfer of a firearm by a gun dealer or a private party if The Department of State Police is unable to determine whether recipient is qualified to receive firearm

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Upon receipt of a request for a criminal background from specified firearm transferors, the The Department of State Police (the department) shall immediately, during the telephone call or by return call determine from criminal records and other information available to it whether the recipient is disqualified from completing the transfer or is otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing a firearm. Under current statutes, if the department is unable to determine whether the recipient is qualified for or disqualified from completing the transfer within 30 minutes of receiving the request, the department shall notify the transferor and provide the transferor with an estimate of the time when the department will provide the requested information. If the department fails to provide a unique approval number to a gun dealer or to notify the gun dealer that the purchaser is disqualified before the close of the gun dealer's next business day following the request by the gun dealer for a criminal history record check, the gun dealer may deliver the firearm to the purchaser.

HB 2543 prohibits the transfer of a firearm by a gun dealer or private party unless the transferor receives a unique approval number from the department.