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Amendment to HB 1178

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 New Chapter; Federal Statutes, Regulations, and Presidential Executive Orders Relating to  
4 the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 159-D the following new  
5 chapter:

6 CHAPTER 159-E

7 PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND STATUTORY LAW

8 RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

9 159-E:1 Federal Statutes, Regulations, and Presidential Executive Orders Relating to the Right  
10 to Keep and Bear Arms. Pursuant to the general court's authority under Part II, Article 5 of the  
11 New Hampshire Constitution, the state of New Hampshire, a political subdivision of this state, or  
12 any person acting under the color of state, county, or municipal law shall be prohibited from using  
13 any personnel or financial resources to enforce, administer, or cooperate with any law, act, rule,  
14 order, or regulation of the United States Government or Executive Order of the President of the  
15 United States that is inconsistent with any law of this state regarding the regulation of firearms,  
16 ammunition, magazines or the ammunition feeding devices, firearm components, firearms supplies,  
17 or knives. Silence in the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated pertaining to a matter  
18 regulated by federal law shall be construed as an inconsistency for the purposes of this chapter.

19 159-E:2 Application. In light of the long-standing practice of cooperation between federal, state,  
20 and local law enforcement agencies, nothing in this chapter shall prevent a state, county, or local  
21 official from cooperating with or rendering aid or assistance to federal officials in any circumstance  
22 where there is reasonable suspicion to believe that a person who is the subject of an investigation for  
23 violation of federal firearms law covered by RSA 159-E:1 also has committed, is committing, or is  
24 about to commit a violation of New Hampshire law or a violation of a federal law, regulation, order,  
25 or practice not covered by RSA 159-E:1. Nothing in this chapter shall prevent a state, county, or  
26 local official from providing authorized federal officials, upon their request, with official state,  
27 county, or local records that are available to the public or which constitute criminal history records  
28 maintained by an agency of state, county, or local government, or taking any other action necessary  
29 to fulfill or comply with the state's obligations under the National Crime Prevention and Privacy

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1 Compact approved and ratified in RSA 106-B:14, III, provided that the provisions of this chapter  
2 shall not provide for the distribution of information required to be destroyed pursuant to 18 U.S.C.  
3 section 922(t)(2)(C).

4 159-E:3 Severability. If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or  
5 circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the  
6 chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the  
7 provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.