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OPPOSE Senate Bill 941, a bill that will not only eliminate the private sale of firearms in Oregon, but which is chock-full of laughable errors and clownish mistakes.

To begin with, every time a person hands a gun to another person for any reason, even for ten seconds, this goofball bill would appear to require a Brady Check (according to section 2).

Even the craziest version of this statute being foisted in other states requires, at least, negligence. But this draft would put gun owners in prison if there were any reason at all for believing the guy you are handing your gun to is prohibited from taking it, however crazy the reason.

Just to give an example, there are tens of thousands of military veterans (suffering from PTSD) have been deemed as prohibited persons in this country. So, to put this whole problem in perspective, if your neighbor is a veteran and he comes over to your house, he can't handle your new gun for even a second. Why? Because you cannot claim that you have "no reason" to believe your neighbor might be a prohibited person.

In many cases, if someone wants to sell their gun to their next-door neighbor, whom they've know all their life, they have to take a day off of work, drive with their neighbor to the nearest FFL, pay whatever fee the FFL chooses to charge, and hope that he or she is not one of the 8% of all Brady Law transactions who get either a "false red" or a "false yellow."

If either of these happens, perhaps because the neighbor's name resembles someone else's, the neighbor can pretty well give up any hope of ever purchasing a gun again in Oregon.

And then there is the problem of ATF's *de facto* national gun registry. Increasingly, that agency is going into gun dealers and demanding to copy many or all of the dealer's 4473's in computer-readable form. So, if every gun purchaser has a 4473 because every gun purchaser has to go through a Brady Check, then every gun owner will be entered into the registry.

Inadequate time frame for citizen participation.

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