

HB 523 -- FIREARM REGISTRY

SPONSOR: Windham

This bill requires the Attorney General to establish and maintain a "Firearm-Owner Registry". Each firearm owner in the state will be required to complete a Firearm Catalog Form (created by the Attorney General) each year by March 1st and each nonresident must submit the form within 10 days of either entering the state with a firearm or acquiring a firearm. The Registry will consist of hard copies of these Firearm Catalog Forms and can be implemented in the form of an electronic database. The Registry must be confidential and closed to the public, but the Attorney General may release information to law enforcement agencies pursuant to a warrant. The Attorney General may also release anonymous aggregate data specified in the bill. Violations of these provisions will result in a civil penalty up to \$5000.

This bill is the same as HB 1646 (2020).