HB 340 -- STOLEN FIREARM SEARCH

SPONSOR: Mayhew

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 15 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill requires the State Highway Patrol to create a web page with stolen firearm information including the serial number of firearms reported stolen, subject to appropriation. The information shall be searchable by serial number.

This bill is the same as HB 1993 (4455H.01I) (2020).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill allows for easy and accessible tracking of stolen firearms. The database benefits both resellers and gun owners who need to verify or locate firearms.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Mayhew; Arnie C. Dienoff; and Gary W. Hicks.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.