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**Statement of Lt. Governor Gray on the Legislature's Passage of S.4**

**Montpelier, Vt.** — Today, Lt. Governor Molly Gray released the following statement on the Legislature's passage of S.4, an act relating to procedures involving firearms:

"As I said when I announced my support for S. 30, we must fully close the "Charleston Loophole", a dangerous provision which can allow gun sales to move forward without a background check. I will continue to advocate for laws that keep guns out of the wrong hands and provide Vermonters with the greatest possible protection from gun violence.

That being said, this bill represents a meaningful step towards stronger firearm safety laws to protect Vermonters. Bipartisan compromise can be difficult, especially on politically sensitive issues, and I commend both the Legislature and the Governor for this step in the right direction."

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