

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act To Authorize the Carrying of Concealed Handguns without  
a Permit**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative LONG of Sherman, Representative SHAW of Standish and Senators: BURNS of Washington, COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DUTREMBLE of York, EDGECOMB of Aroostook, LANGLEY of Hancock, MASON of Androscoggin, McCORMICK of Kennebec, PATRICK of Oxford, ROSEN of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, WILLETTE of Aroostook, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN of Gray, BATTLE of South Portland, BICKFORD of Auburn, BLACK of Wilton, BUCKLAND of Farmington, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CAMPBELL of Orrington, CHACE of Durham, COREY of Windham, CRAFTS of Lisbon, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DUNPHY of Embden, DUNPHY of Old Town, EDGECOMB of Fort Fairfield, ESPLING of New Gloucester, FARRIN of Norridgewock, FOLEY of Wells, FREDETTE of Newport, GERRISH of Lebanon, GILLWAY of Searsport, GINZLER of Bridgton, GOLDEN of Lewiston, GREENWOOD of Wales, GUERIN of Glenburn, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HEAD of Bethel, HERRICK of Paris, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HILLIARD of Belgrade, HOBART of Bowdoinham, KINNEY of Limington, KINNEY of Knox, LOCKMAN of Amherst, LYFORD of Eddington, MAKER of Calais, MALABY of Hancock, MAREAN of Hollis, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, McCABE of Skowhegan, McCLELLAN of Raymond, McELWEE of Caribou, NUTTING of Oakland, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel, PETERSON of Rumford, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PICKETT of Dixfield, POULIOT of Augusta, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, REED of Carmel, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SAWICKI of Auburn, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SHORT of Pittsfield, SIROCKI of Scarborough, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STANLEY of Medway, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of Canaan, THERIAULT of China, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TIMMONS of Cumberland, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of Burlington, VACHON of Scarborough, VEROW of Brewer, WADSWORTH of Hiram, WALLACE of Dexter, WARD of Dedham, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Washburn, WINSOR of Norway, WOOD of Sabattus.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11212, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 477, §9, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 B. A person may not, while in or on a motor vehicle or in or on a trailer or other type  
5 of vehicle being hauled by a motor vehicle, have a cocked and armed crossbow or a  
6 firearm with a cartridge or shell in the chamber or in an attached magazine, clip or  
7 cylinder or a muzzle-loading firearm charged with powder, lead and a primed ignition  
8 device or mechanism, except that a person who ~~has a valid Maine permit to carry a~~  
9 ~~concealed weapon~~ is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm may have in  
10 or on a motor vehicle or trailer or other type of vehicle a loaded pistol or revolver  
11 ~~covered by that permit.~~

12 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2001-A, sub-§2, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

13 A-1. A handgun carried by a person who is not otherwise prohibited from carrying a  
14 firearm;

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill authorizes a person who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm to carry  
17 a concealed handgun without a permit. This bill also authorizes a person to possess a  
18 loaded pistol or revolver while in a motor vehicle or a trailer or other vehicle being  
19 hauled by a motor vehicle.