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House of Representatives, February 4, 2025

An Act Concerning the Concealed Carrying of a Handgun by an Individual Who Is 18 Years of Age but Under 21 Years of Age

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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Presented by Representative COLLINS of Sidney.

Cosponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan and

Representatives: FLYNN of Albion, GRIFFIN of Levant, GUERRETTE of Caribou,

HAGGAN of Hampden, MCINTYRE of Lowell, SMITH of Palermo, THORNE of Carmel,

Senator: HAGGAN of Penobscot.

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2001-A, sub-§2, ¶A-1, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 327, §2, is amended to read:

A-1. A handgun carried by a person who is 21 18 years of age or older and is not otherwise prohibited from carrying a firearm or is 18 years of age or older and under 21 years of age and is on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard or is an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard and is not otherwise prohibited from carrying a firearm;

10 SUMMARY

This bill removes the exception from the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2001-A concerning the carrying of concealed weapons for handguns carried by persons 18 years of age or older and under 21 years of age who are on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard or who are honorably discharged veterans and allows a person who is 18 years of age or older who is not otherwise prohibited from carrying a firearm to carry a concealed handgun.