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House of Representatives, March 18, 2025

An Act Regarding the Required State of Mind Relating to the Threatening Display or Carrying of a Concealed Weapon

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SINCLAIR of Bath.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2001-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. N, §2 and
3 affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

4 **1. Display or carrying prohibited.** A person may not, unless excepted by a provision
5 of law, intentionally or knowingly:

6 A. Display in a threatening manner a firearm, slungshot, knuckles, bowie knife, dirk,
7 stiletto or other dangerous or deadly weapon usually employed in the attack on or
8 defense of a person; or

9 B. Wear under the person's clothes or conceal about the person's person a firearm,
10 slungshot, knuckles, bowie knife, dirk, stiletto or other dangerous or deadly weapon
11 usually employed in the attack on or defense of a person.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill amends Maine's statute regarding the threatening display or carrying of a
14 concealed weapon in response to the new federal standard set by *Counterman v. Colorado*,
15 600 U.S. 66 (2023). The bill requires that a person must intentionally or knowingly conceal
16 a weapon on their person or display a weapon in a threatening manner to have the culpable
17 state of mind to be found criminally liable under that statute.