

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 374

H. P. 298

House of Representatives, January 23, 1969

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Issuance of Certificates Permitting the Carrying of Weapons.

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

R. S., T. 25, § 2031, amended. Section 2031 of Title 25 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 368 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 2031. Threatening display of or carrying concealed weapons; licenses

No person shall in a threatening manner display, or shall wear under his clothes, or conceal about his person any firearm, slung shot, knuckles, bowie knife, dirk, stiletto or other dangerous or deadly weapon; except that **in the case of firearms**, the chief of police or city marshal of any city or the selectmen or councilmen of any town may upon written application therefor issue to any legal resident of such city or town of good moral character, a certificate setting forth that such person has been duly licensed to carry ~~such weapon mentioned in the certificate~~ **firearms**. **In the case of other weapons**, the chief of police or city marshal of any city or the selectmen or councilmen of any town may upon proper written application therefor issue to any legal resident of such city or town, a certificate setting forth that such person has been duly licensed to carry such weapon mentioned in the certificate. Certificates will be refused to fugitives from justice, persons under indictment for or who have been convicted of a crime punishable for a term exceeding one year, narcotic addicts or drug users, persons adjudicated as mental defective or mentally incompetent or who have been committed to a mental institution, veterans discharged under dishonorable conditions, persons who have renounced United State citizenship, aliens illegally or unlawfully in the United

States. If such applicant is a resident of the State and is domiciled in unorganized territory, such certificate ~~may~~ shall be issued by the police or city marshal of any city or the selectmen or councilmen of any town nearest to the unorganized territory. The Chief of the Maine State Police or persons authorized by him may, upon written application therefor, issue to a non-resident, not falling within the local licensing authority, who is in the employ of a public utility corporation, or a person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of transferring money or in a business of a similar nature and who is of good moral character and whose application is endorsed by his employer, a certificate setting forth that such person has been duly licensed to carry any weapon or weapons mentioned in this section during the working hours he shall be employed as aforesaid. The foregoing certificate shall cease to be valid when the employee leaves the employment of the employer who endorsed the application and shall be subject to termination as hereafter provided. All licenses shall continue in effect to the end of the calendar year in which issued and for one year thereafter unless sooner revoked by the Chief of the Maine State Police, chief of police, city marshal or by the selectmen or councilmen of the town in which said license was issued. The official or officials, issuing a license, shall make a permanent record of it in a suitable book or file, kept for that purpose. Such record shall include date of issuance, the name, age, sex and street address of licensee, together with complete description of weapon **other than firearms**, and in case of firearms, ~~the caliber, make and number~~ **the word firearms**. This section shall not be construed as prohibiting the carrying or wearing of such weapons by United States marshals, sheriffs and their deputies, constables, police officers, licensed private detectives and other officers charged with the enforcement of law. All licenses issued in accordance with this section shall authorize the person so licensed to carry such weapons throughout the State. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.