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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-113)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 250, L.D. 295, Bill, "AN ACT
Relating to Constables and Special Police Officers."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting
clause and inserting in its place the following:

'30 MRSA §2362, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 135, §1, is amended
by adding at the end the following new sentences:

A constable's certificate of appointment shall state whether
or not he is allowed to carry a weapon, concealed or unconcealed,
in the performance of his duties. If a constable is restricted
in carrying a weapon, this prohibition shall not be affected by
any weapon's license the individual may possess.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require that municipalities
make a specific decision whether a constable be allowed to carry
a weapon in the performance of his duty. Currently, a municipality
need not make a decision on this subject. As a result, the
issue might not be considered and constables might automatically
receive the right to carry a weapon, regardless of their duties.