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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1154, L.D. 1695, Bill, "An Act to Allow the Officers of a Municipality the Option to Designate the State Police as That Municipality's Issuing Authority for Concealed Weapons"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'25 MRSA §2002-A is enacted to read:

§2002-A. Assignment of authority

Any municipality without a full-time chief of police may designate, if the Chief of the State Police agrees, the State Police as the issuing authority for that municipality. The designation must be made by written agreement with the Chief of the State Police. The agreement must include provisions for termination of the agreement. During the term of an agreement, the State Police shall perform all the functions of the issuing authority, including suspension and revocation of permits. The State Police are entitled to receive any fees authorized for performing the functions of an issuing authority.

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**FISCAL NOTE**

This bill will allow certain municipalities to have the Department of Public Safety handle the issuance of concealed weapons permits for that municipality if the Chief of the State Police agrees. The additional dedicated revenue from the department's issuance of weapons permits as well as currently budgeted resources will be sufficient to administer the program. The additional dedicated revenue and the required allocations can not be estimated at this time since it is unknown how many municipalities will participate.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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The amendment clarifies that the municipality may designate the State Police as the issuing authority for concealed weapons permits only if the State Police agree to serve in that capacity. The amendment also clarifies that the State Police are entitled to receive all fees attributable to performing the functions of the issuing authority.

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Reported by the Committee on Legal Affairs  
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