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House of Representatives, April 25, 1991

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative GEAN of Alfred.
Cosponsored by Representative LAWRENCE of Kittery.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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.



Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows
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25 MRSA §2002-A is enacted to read:

§2002-A. Assignment of authority

Any municipality without a full-time chief of police may, by written agreement with the Chief of the State Police, designate the State Police as the issuing authority for that municipality. During the term of an agreement, the State Police shall perform all the functions of the issuing authority, including suspension and revocation of permits. Any agreement must include provisions for termination of the agreement.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows municipalities without full-time chiefs of police to have the State Police handle the issuance of concealed weapons permits if the municipality and the chief agree to do so. During the term of any agreement between a municipality and the State Police, the State Police will be the issuing authority for all purposes under the laws, including any suspensions or revocations that may be necessary. The application fee for the permit will be paid to the State Police to defray the costs of performing that function for the municipality.

 The requirement of a termination provision makes it clear that a municipality's designation of the State Police as its issuing authority is neither required nor permitted to be permanent.