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H.P. 1424

House of Representatives, January 7, 1992

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARREN of Cherryfield.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Oxford, Senator SUMMERS of Cumberland and Representative FARNUM of South Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Clarify the Law Concerning the Safety Course Necessary to
Obtain a Concealed Firearms Permit.**

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

25 MRSA §2003, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 1991, c. 591, Pt. EE, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) Demonstrates to the issuing authority a knowledge of handgun firearm safety. The applicant may fully satisfy this requirement by submitting to the issuing authority, through documentation in accordance with this subparagraph, proof that the applicant has within 5 years prior to the date of application completed a course that included handgun firearm safety offered by or under the supervision of a federal, state, county or municipal law enforcement agency or a firearms instructor certified by a private firearms association recognized as knowledgeable in matters of firearms safety by the issuing authority or by the state in which the course was taken. A course completion certificate or other document, or a photocopy, is sufficient if it recites or otherwise demonstrates that the course meets all of the requirements of this subparagraph.

As an alternative way of fully satisfying this requirement, an applicant may personally demonstrate knowledge of handgun firearm safety to an issuing authority, if the issuing authority is willing to evaluate an applicant's personal demonstration of such knowledge. The issuing authority is not required to offer this 2nd option.

The demonstration of knowledge of handgun firearm safety to the issuing authority may not be required of any applicant who holds a valid State permit to carry a concealed firearm as of April 15, 1990 or of any applicant who was or is in any of the Armed Forces of the United States and has received at least basic firearms training.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Current law requires completion of a handgun safety course as part of the application for a concealed firearms permit. This bill amends the statute to allow the requirement to be met if the applicant completed any firearm safety course.