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STATE OF MAINE  
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1041, L.D. 1393, Bill, "An Act to Assist in Crime Prevention"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 6 the following:

'Sec. 7. 25 MRSA §2003, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 368, §§4 and 5, is further amended by repealing and replacing the first paragraph to read:

1. Procedure; criteria for issuing permit. Upon receiving written application for a concealed firearms permit, the issuing authority shall notify the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality or, in a municipality without a chief law enforcement officer, the Chief of the State Police who shall conduct an investigation to determine whether the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection. The issuing authority shall issue a permit to carry concealed firearms to an applicant over whom it has issuing authority, upon written notification from the chief law enforcement officer or the Chief of the State Police that the applicant has demonstrated good moral character and meets the following requirements:

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

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4 **FISCAL NOTE**

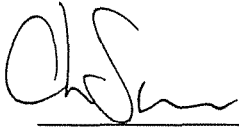
5 The Bureau of Motor Vehicles within the Department of the  
6 Secretary of State will incur some minor additional costs to  
7 suspend the driving privileges of those persons convicted of a  
8 drug-related offense and who used a motor vehicle in the  
9 commission of the crime, if the courts invoke this sentencing  
10 option. These costs can be absorbed within the bureau's existing  
11 budgeted resources. The collection of reinstatement fees from  
12 persons with these suspensions will result in insignificant  
13 increases of Highway Fund revenue.

14 This bill adds additional requirements on municipalities and  
15 their law enforcement officers. These requirements represent  
16 state mandates pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The  
17 additional local costs can not be determined. General Fund  
18 appropriations will be required to fund at least 90% of the  
19 additional costs.

20 The Department of Public Safety will incur additional costs  
21 to perform additional investigations. The amounts can not be  
22 determined at this time. Additional dedicated revenue may be  
23 generated as a result of the additional requests. These amounts  
24 also can not be determined.  
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27 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

28 This amendment to the committee amendment changes the  
29 current law by requiring either the chief law enforcement officer  
30 of a municipality or, if there is no chief law enforcement  
31 officer, the Chief of the State Police to investigate an  
32 applicant for a concealed firearms permit. If the investigating  
33 officer determines that the applicant has met all the necessary  
34 criteria, then the issuing authority must issue the permit to the  
35 applicant.  
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44 COUNTY: Cumberland  
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