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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 676, L.D. 1852, Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end of Part B and before the emergency clause the following:

PART C

Sec. C-1. 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 bill by relettering the parts to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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

The Department of Public Safety will incur additional costs to perform additional investigations. The amounts can not be determined at this time. Additional dedicated revenue may be generated as a result of the additional requests. These amounts also can not be determined.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment changes the current law by requiring either the chief law enforcement officer of a municipality or, if there is no chief law enforcement officer, the Chief of the State Police to investigate an applicant for a concealed firearms permit. If the investigating officer determines that the applicant has met all the necessary criteria, then the issuing authority must issue the permit to the applicant.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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