

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1087

S.P. 399

In Senate, March 30, 1995

An Act Concerning Concealed Firearms Permits.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PENDEXTER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: HALL of Piscataquis.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2003, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 524,
6 §§5 to 8, is further amended by repealing and replacing the first
8 paragraph to read:

10 1. Procedure; criteria for issuing permit. Upon receiving
12 written application for a concealed firearms permit, the issuing
14 authority shall notify the chief law enforcement officer of the
16 municipality or, in a municipality without a chief law
18 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:

20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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