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## 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-1997

Legislative Document

No. 1719

S.P. 562

In Senate, April 1, 1997

An Act Concerning Firearm Purchase Background Checks.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HALL of Piscataquis.

Cosponsored by Senators: MILLS of Somerset, KIEFFER of Aroostook.

_	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2003, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 1995, c.
4	560, Pt. K, §82 and affected by §83, is further amended by repealing all of subparagraph (1) and inserting in its place the
6	following:
8	(1) Submits to a background check pursuant to the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, Pub. L. No.
LO	103-159, Section 102, 107 Stat. 1536;
12	Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2003, sub-§17 is enacted to read:
L4	17. Exemption. A person who possesses a permit to carry a concealed weapon is exempt from subsection 1, paragraph E if that
16	person was issued a permit within 5 years before the effective
	date of this subsection and submitted to a background check at
18	the time of issuance of the permit.
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	SUMMARY
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	This bill makes it mandatory that a background check,
24	pursuant to the federal Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act,

must be done before a permit to carry a concealed weapon may be

issued. The bill also exempts a person from the "Brady" law if that person had a concealed weapon permit issued within the past

5 years and at that time submitted to a background check.

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