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**MAJORITY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 224, L.D. 259, Bill, "An Act to Offer Reciprocity Concerning Concealed Firearms Permits"

Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 7 and inserting in its place the following:

'7. Permit issued by another state. A firearm carried by a person to whom a valid permit to carry a concealed firearm has been issued by another state if a permit to carry a concealed firearm issued from that state has been granted reciprocity. The Chief of the State Police may enter into reciprocity agreements with other states. Reciprocity may be granted to a permit to carry a concealed firearm issued from another state if:

A. The other state that issued the permit to carry a concealed firearm has substantially equivalent or stricter requirements for the issuance of a permit to carry a concealed firearm; and

B. The other state that issued the permit to carry a concealed firearm observes the same rules of reciprocity in regards to a person issued a permit to carry a concealed firearm under this chapter.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 and before the summary the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

R. W. S.

	2001-02	2002-03
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4	PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF	
6	Licensing and Enforcement	
8	Positions (1,000)	(1,000)
8	Personal Services \$44,350	\$55,497
10	All Other 5,669	2,267
12	Appropriates funds for one additional paralegal position and operating expenses needed to confirm the possession of valid permits issued by other states to carry concealed weapons.	
18	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
20	TOTAL	TOTAL
	\$50,019	\$57,764

22 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

26 **FISCAL NOTE**

	2001-02	2002-03
30	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS	
32	General Fund \$50,019	\$57,764
34	REVENUES	
36	Other Funds (\$4,950)	(\$6,600)

40 This bill includes additional General Fund appropriations of \$50,019 and \$57,764 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively, for the licensing and enforcement program within the Department of Public Safety for one additional paralegal position and operating expenses needed to confirm the possession of valid permits issued by other states to carry concealed weapons.

48 The exemption of certain out-of-state residents from certain permit requirements will reduce permit fee revenue collections. 50 The estimated reductions of dedicated revenue collected by the

2 licensing and enforcement program are \$4,950 and \$6,600 in fiscal
years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively.

4 The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from
6 reductions of workload, administrative costs and indigent defense
costs associated with the minimal number of cases that will no
8 longer be filed in the court system. Reductions in the
collection of fines may decrease General Fund revenue by minor
amounts.'

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14 SUMMARY

16 The amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing
Committee on Criminal Justice and strikes language that would
18 allow reciprocity agreements with other countries and clarifies
that the Chief of the State Police may enter into reciprocity
20 agreements with other states. The amendment also adds an
appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill.