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No. 259

H.P. 224

House of Representatives, January 23, 2001

An Act to Offer Reciprocity Concerning Concealed Firearms Permits.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, COLLINS of Wells, MENDROS of Lewiston,
PINKHAM of Lamoine, WHEELER of Bridgewater, WHEELER of Eliot.

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

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Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2001, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 917, §6, is amended to read:

6. **Licensed hunters and trappers.** Firearms carried by any person engaged in conduct for which a state-issued hunting or trapping license is required and possessing the required license, or firearms carried by a resident person engaged in conduct expressly authorized by Title 12, section 7377, subsections 1 and 2. This subsection does not authorize or permit the carrying of a concealed or loaded firearm in a motor vehicle; and

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2001, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Permit issued by another state or country. A firearm carried by a person to whom a valid permit to carry a concealed firearm has been issued by another state or country if a permit to carry a concealed firearm issued from that state or country has been granted reciprocity. Reciprocity may be granted to a permit to carry a concealed firearm issued from another state or country if:

A. The other state or country 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 or country 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.

SUMMARY

This bill allows a person to carry a concealed firearm in the State if that person has a concealed firearms permit from another state or country and the permit to carry a concealed firearm from that state or country is granted reciprocity. Reciprocity is granted to a permit to carry a concealed firearm from another state or country if:

1. The other state or country 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

2 2. The other state or country 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
4 firearm under Maine law.