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An Act To Prevent Convicted Felons from Possessing Firearms

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative McKENNEY of Cumberland and
Senators: ANDREWS of York, TURNER of Cumberland, Representatives: BOWEN of
Rockport, MAZUREK of Rockland, RECTOR of Thomaston.

Be i	it	enacted	by	the	People	of th	e State	of	Maine	as follov	vs:
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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11103, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §112 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

§11103. Convicted felon

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A person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm under Title 15, section 393, subsection 1 is ineligible to obtain or possess any license or permit issued by the department that authorizes a person to hunt with a firearm unless-that-person pessesses-a-valid-permit-in-accordance-with-Title-15,--section 393,-subsection-2.

Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1993, c. 368, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§§3 to 6, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 225, §2, are repealed.

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SUMMARY

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This bill prohibits convicted felons from possessing firearms. Under this bill, the Commissioner of Public Safety no longer has the discretion to allow convicted felons to possess firearms 5 years after the felon has served the felon's prison term.