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**An Act To Strengthen the Authority of Concealed Weapons Permits
and Define the Term "Crossbow" in Maine Law**

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered
printed.

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Presented by Representative GERZOFKY of Brunswick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 419, §9 and affected
3 by §12, is further amended to read:

4 **2. Application after 5 years.** A person subject to the provisions of subsection 1
5 may, after the expiration of 5 years from the date that the person is finally discharged
6 from the sentences imposed as a result of the conviction or adjudication, apply to the
7 Commissioner of Public Safety for a permit to carry a firearm or crossbow. That person
8 may not be issued a permit to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to Title 25, chapter 252.
9 A permit issued pursuant to this subsection is valid for 4 years from the date of issue
10 unless sooner revoked for cause by the issuing authority.

11 **Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§7, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

12 A-1. "Crossbow" means a mechanical device equipped with a working safety that
13 propels an arrow or bolt, consists of, but is not limited to, strings, cables and prods, is
14 transversely mounted on either a shoulder or handheld stock that is at least 25 inches
15 in length and is mechanically held at full or partial draw and released by a trigger or
16 similar mechanism that is incorporated into the stock or by hand.

17 **Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2003, sub-§1, ¶B**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c.
18 341, §3, is amended to read:

19 B. Is not disqualified to possess a firearm pursuant to Title 15, section 393 and, is
20 not disqualified as a permit holder under that same section and is not disqualified to
21 possess a firearm under federal law.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill:

24 1. Provides that a person may not be issued a concealed weapons permit if the person
25 is disqualified from having a firearm under state or federal law;

26 2. Places an expiration term on permits issued pursuant to the Maine Revised
27 Statutes, Title 15, section 393, subsection 2; and

28 3. Provides a definition for "crossbow," a term currently not defined in Maine law,
29 for law enforcement purposes.