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An Act To Ensure the Confidentiality of Concealed Weapons Permit Holder Information

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WILSON of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator PLUMMER of Cumberland and

Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BEAULIEU of Auburn, BENNETT of Kennebunk, BLACK of Wilton, CHASE of Wells, CLARK of Easton, COTTA of China, CRAFTS of Lisbon, CRAY of Palmyra, CROCKETT of Bethel, DAVIS of Sangerville, DOAK of Columbia Falls, DUNPHY of Embden, DUPREY of Hampden, ESPLING of New Gloucester, FITZPATRICK of Houlton, FREDETTE of Newport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GILBERT of Jay, GILLWAY of Searsport, GUERIN of Glenburn, HARVELL of Farmington, JACKSON of Oxford, JOHNSON of Greenville, KESCHL of Belgrade, KINNEY of Limington, LIBBY of Waterboro, LOCKMAN of Amherst, LONG of Sherman, MacDONALD of Old Orchard Beach, MAKER of Calais, MALABY of Hancock, MARKS of Pittston, McCLELLAN of Raymond, McELWEE of Caribou, NADEAU of Fort Kent, NADEAU of Winslow, NEWENDYKE of Litchfield, NUTTING of Oakland, PARRY of Arundel, PEASE of Morrill, PEAVEY HASKELL of Milford, PLANTE of Berwick, POULIOT of Augusta, REED of Carmel, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SHAW of Standish, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TURNER of Burlington, TYLER of Windham, VILLA of Harrison, VOLK of Scarborough, WALLACE of Dexter, WEAVER of York, WILLETTE of Mapleton, WINCHENBACH of Waldoboro, WOOD of Sabattus, Senators: FLOOD of Kennebec, MASON of Androscoggin.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas**, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas**, the list of all holders of concealed weapons permits in the State is public,
4 which includes personal information of the permit holders such as name, full current
5 address and date of birth; and

6 **Whereas**, the public dissemination of personal information of concealed weapons
7 permit holders subjects a holder to possible identity theft and puts the holder's and the
8 holder's family's well-being at risk; and

9 **Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
12 therefore,

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

14 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2006, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 298, §11, is further
15 amended to read:

16 The issuing authority shall make a permanent record of each permit to carry
17 concealed handguns in a suitable book or file kept for that purpose. The record must
18 include the information contained in the permit itself and must be ~~available for public~~
19 ~~inspection~~ kept confidential and may not be made available for public inspection or
20 copying. A person who has received confidential information under this section may not
21 redistribute or disseminate the information to a person who is not authorized to receive
22 the information.

23 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
24 legislation takes effect when approved.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill makes personal and identifying information of concealed weapons permit
27 holders confidential and prohibits a person who has received concealed weapons permit
28 holder information from redistributing or disseminating the information to a person who
29 is not authorized to receive the information.