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An Act To Lower the Age Requirement To Carry a Concealed Handgun

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Heather J.R. Priest'.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples and
Senator: MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: O'CONNOR of Berwick, SANDERSON
of Chelsea.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11212, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 327, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 B. A person may not, while in or on a motor vehicle or in or on a trailer or other type
5 of vehicle being hauled by a motor vehicle, have a cocked and armed crossbow or a
6 firearm with a cartridge or shell in the chamber or in an attached magazine, clip or
7 cylinder or a muzzle-loading firearm charged with powder, lead and a primed ignition
8 device or mechanism, except that a person who is ~~21~~ 18 years of age or older and is
9 not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm ~~or is 18 years of age or older and~~
10 ~~under 21 years of age and is on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States~~
11 ~~or the National Guard or is an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of~~
12 ~~the United States or the National Guard and is not otherwise prohibited from carrying~~
13 ~~a firearm~~ may have in or on a motor vehicle or trailer or other type of vehicle a
14 loaded pistol or revolver.

15 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2001-A, sub-§2, ¶A-1**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 327, §2, is
16 amended to read:

17 A-1. A handgun carried by a person who is ~~21~~ 18 years of age or older and is not
18 otherwise prohibited from carrying a firearm ~~or is 18 years of age or older and under~~
19 ~~21 years of age and is on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States or the~~
20 ~~National Guard or is an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the~~
21 ~~United States or the National Guard and is not otherwise prohibited from carrying a~~
22 ~~firearm;~~

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill lowers from 21 years of age to 18 years of age the age at which a person
25 may carry a concealed handgun.