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S.P. 189

In Senate, February 16, 2017

An Act To Amend the Provision of Law Requiring Disclosure of the Possession of a Firearm under Certain Circumstances

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

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Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, FARRIN of Norridgewock, MAREAN of Hollis, STETKIS of Canaan.

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2003-A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 327, §4, is amended to read:

§2003-A. Duty to inform law enforcement

 When an individual who is carrying a concealed handgun pursuant to the authority of this chapter and who does not have a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun that has been issued as provided in this chapter first comes into contact with any law enforcement officer of this State or its political subdivisions or a federal law enforcement officer during the course of any an arrest, detainment or routine traffic stop, that individual shall immediately inform that law enforcement officer of the fact that the individual is carrying a concealed handgun.

12 SUMMARY

This bill eliminates the provision of law that requires a person lawfully in possession of a concealed handgun without a permit during the course of a detainment or routine traffic stop to inform the law enforcement officer that the person is in possession of the handgun.