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House of Representatives, April 12, 2021

An Act To Aid Municipalities in the Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits

Received by the Clerk of the House on April 8, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and
Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, MATLACK of St. George, WARREN of Hallowell,
Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2002-A**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 524, §4, is further amended
3 to read:

4 **§2002-A. Assignment of authority**

5 The municipal officers of a municipality without a full-time chief of police may
6 designate, if the Chief of the State Police agrees, the State Police as the issuing authority
7 for that municipality. The designation must be made by written agreement with the Chief
8 of the State Police. The agreement must include provisions for termination of the
9 agreement. During the term of an agreement, the State Police shall perform all the
10 functions of the issuing authority, including suspension and revocation of permits. The
11 State Police are entitled to receive any fees authorized for performing the functions of an
12 issuing authority. The Chief of the State Police continues to serve as the issuing authority
13 until the chief receives from the municipal officers written notice of cancellation or
14 revocation of the designation. The Chief of the State Police upon request shall provide
15 assistance in conducting a background check under this chapter to a municipal issuing
16 authority that has not designated the Chief of the State Police as the issuing authority under
17 this section.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill requires the Department of Public Safety, Chief of the State Police upon
20 request to provide assistance in conducting a background check for a concealed handgun
21 permit for a municipality that has not designated the Chief of the State Police as the issuing
22 authority for concealed handgun permits.