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**STATE OF MAINE  
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127TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 557, L.D. 823, Bill, “An Act To Upgrade the Concealed Handgun Permit Law”

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph E in subparagraph (4) in division (a) in the first line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$35" and inserting the following: '~~\$35~~ \$52.50'

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph E in subparagraph (4) in division (a) in the 2nd line (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$20" and inserting the following: '~~\$20~~ \$52.50'

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph E in subparagraph (4) in division (b) in the first line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$60" and inserting the following: '~~\$60~~ \$120'

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 8 in the first line (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "10" and inserting the following: '5'

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 8 in the last line (page 2, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "10" and inserting the following: '5'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

**'Sec. 8. 25 MRSA §2003, sub-§18** is enacted to read:

**18. Centralized database.** The State Police shall establish and maintain a centralized database containing information about concealed handgun permit holders and applicants for concealed handgun permits.

A. The centralized database must contain:

- (1) The permit holder's or applicant's name;
- (2) The permit holder's or applicant's address;
- (3) The permit holder's or applicant's date of birth;
- (4) Permit information;

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1                   (5) Status of the permit or permit application; and

2                   (6) Prior action taken on the permit.

3                   B. The centralized database may be accessed only by:

4                   (1) A law enforcement agency;

5                   (2) A law enforcement officer; or

6                   (3) Court order.

7                   The centralized database may be used only for criminal justice purposes or purposes  
8                   related to concealed handgun permits.

9                   C. Information about a concealed handgun permit holder or applicant maintained in  
10                   the centralized database must be purged from the centralized database within 5 years  
11                   after the permit expires or within 5 years after the period for an appeal of a denial or a  
12                   revocation has run.'

13                   Amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

14                   '**Sec. 9. Application.** This Act does not apply to a valid concealed handgun permit  
15                   issued before the effective date of this Act. An application for a concealed handgun  
16                   permit or the renewal of a valid concealed handgun permit received by an issuing  
17                   authority on or after the effective date of this Act is subject to the provisions of this Act.

18                   **Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
19                   allocations are made.

20                   **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

21                   **Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety 0712**

22                   Initiative: Provides one-time funding to process and issue additional concealed handgun  
23                   permit applications.

24	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
25	All Other	\$0	\$147,373
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27	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$147,373</b>

28                   **Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety 0712**

29                   Initiative: Provides funding for 4 Office Associate II positions, 2 State Police Detective  
30                   positions and related All Other to process additional concealed handgun permit  
31                   applications.

32	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
33	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	6.000
34	Personal Services	\$0	\$259,560

1	All Other	\$0	\$145,140
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3	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$404,700</u>
4	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
5	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
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7	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$147,373
8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$404,700
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10	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$552,073</u>

11 **Sec. 11. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2017.'

12 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
 13 section number to read consecutively.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

16 1. It increases the application and renewal fees for a concealed handgun permit from  
 17 \$35 to \$52.50 and from \$20 to \$52.50, respectively, for a resident. For a nonresident the  
 18 fee is increased from \$60 to \$120 for either an application or a renewal.

19 2. The bill proposes to extend the period a permit is valid from 4 to 10 years. This  
 20 amendment makes a permit valid for 5 years.

21 3. It requires the State Police to establish a centralized database containing  
 22 information about concealed handgun permit holders and applicants for concealed  
 23 handgun permits. It provides that the centralized database must be accessible by law  
 24 enforcement agencies or law enforcement officers or by court order and that information  
 25 about a permit holder or an applicant must be purged from the centralized database within  
 26 5 years after the permit expires or after the period for an appeal of a denial or a revocation  
 27 of a permit has run.

28 4. It provides that an application for a concealed handgun permit received before  
 29 January 1, 2017 is not subject to the provisions of this legislation, but an application for a  
 30 new concealed handgun permit or a renewal of a concealed handgun permit received by  
 31 an issuing authority on or after January 1, 2017 is subject to this legislation.

32 5. It adds an appropriations and allocations section.

33 6. It adds an effective date of January 1, 2017.

34 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

35 **(See attached)**