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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 28, L.D. 35, Bill, “An Act Relating to Concealed Firearms Locked in Vehicles”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §600 is enacted to read:

§600. Concealed firearms in vehicles

1. Firearms in vehicles. An employer or an agent of an employer may not prohibit an employee who has a valid permit to carry a concealed firearm under Title 25, chapter 252 from keeping a firearm in the employee's vehicle as long as the vehicle is locked and the firearm is not visible. This subsection does not authorize an employee to carry a firearm in a place where carrying a firearm is prohibited by law.

2. Immunity from liability. An employer or an agent of an employer may not be held liable in any civil action for damages, injury or death resulting from or arising out of another person's actions involving a firearm or ammunition transported or stored pursuant to this section, including, but not limited to, the theft of a firearm from an employee's vehicle, unless the employer or an agent of the employer intentionally solicited or procured the other person's injurious actions. Nothing in this section affects provisions in the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill and specifies that an employer or agent of an employer may not prohibit an employee who has a valid permit to carry a concealed firearm under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, chapter 252 from keeping a firearm in the employee's vehicle as long as the vehicle is locked and the firearm is not visible. The amendment does not authorize an employee to carry a firearm in a place where carrying a firearm is prohibited by law.

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1 The amendment also specifies that an employer or an agent of an employer may not
2 be held liable in any civil action for damages, injury or death resulting from or arising out
3 of another person's actions involving a firearm or ammunition transported or stored
4 pursuant to this provision. Finally, the amendment provides that this provision does not
5 affect any provisions in the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.