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An Act to Allow Bail Commissioners to Carry Firearms in Correctional Facilities and Jails

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, LANDRY of Farmington, LEE of Auburn, LIBBY of Auburn, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, WOOD of Greene, Senator: BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1059, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 266, §1, is amended
3 to read:

4 **2.** This section does not apply to:

5 A. A law enforcement officer, a corrections officer or a corrections supervisor engaged
6 in the performance of the law enforcement officer's, corrections officer's or corrections
7 supervisor's public duty;

8 B. An employee of a courier or security service in the course and scope of employment
9 for the courier or security service, as approved by the chief administrative officer of
10 the correctional facility or the jail administrator; ~~or~~

11 C. A person who has stored a firearm out of sight in a locked motor vehicle that is on
12 the premises of a correctional facility or jail; or

13 D. A bail commissioner while performing official duties under Title 15, section 1023,
14 that are approved by the chief administrative officer of the correctional facility or the
15 jail administrator.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill allows a bail commissioner while performing official duties to possess a
18 firearm in a correctional facility or jail subject to the approval of the chief administrative
19 officer of the correctional facility or the jail administrator.