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## **An Act To Streamline the Renewal Process for a Permit To Carry a Firearm**

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

**Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 670, §7, is further amended to read:

**2. Application after 5 years.** A person subject to the provisions of subsection 1, paragraph A-1 or C as a result of a conviction or adjudication may, after the expiration of 5 years from the date that the person is finally discharged from the sentences imposed as a result of the conviction or adjudication, apply to the commissioner for a permit to carry a firearm. That person may not be issued a permit to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to Title 25, chapter 252. A permit issued pursuant to this subsection is valid for 4 years from the date of issue unless sooner revoked for cause by the commissioner. The commissioner shall renew a permit issued pursuant to this subsection upon payment of the filing fee under subsection 6 unless the commissioner has revoked the permit for cause. For purposes of this subsection, "firearm" does not include a firearm defined under 18 United States Code, Section 921(3).

### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to renew, upon payment of the filing fee, a permit authorizing a person to carry a firearm who would otherwise be prohibited from doing so, unless the Commissioner of Public Safety has revoked that permit for cause.