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An Act Regarding a Retired Law Enforcement Officer Carrying a Concealed Handgun without a Permit

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2001-A, sub-§2, ¶I, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 691, Pt. A, §24, is amended to read:

I. A handgun carried by a qualified retired law enforcement officer pursuant to 18 United States Code, Section 926C. The qualified retired law enforcement officer must have received the training required in section 2804-C, subsection 2-C and have in the retired law enforcement officer's possession:photographic identification issued by the law enforcement agency from which the person retired from service as a law enforcement officer.

~~(1) Photographic identification issued by the law enforcement agency from which the person retired from service as a law enforcement officer that indicates that the person has, not less recently than one year before the date the person carries the concealed handgun, been tested or otherwise found by that agency to meet the standards established by that agency for training and qualification for an active law enforcement officer to carry a handgun of the same type as the concealed handgun; or~~

~~(2) Photographic identification issued by the law enforcement agency from which the person retired from service as a law enforcement officer and a certification issued by the state in which the person resides that indicates that the person has, not less recently than one year before the date the person carries the concealed handgun, been tested or otherwise found by that state to meet the standards established by that state for training and qualification for an active law enforcement officer to carry a handgun of the same type as the concealed handgun.~~

SUMMARY

This bill amends the requirements for a retired law enforcement officer to carry a concealed handgun without a permit by adding that the retired law enforcement officer must have completed the firearms basic training course at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy or equivalent training requirements and removes the requirement for training within a year of possessing the handgun.