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An Act To Lower the Age Requirement To Carry a Concealed Handgun

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11212, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2015, c. 327, §1, is further amended to read:

B. A person may not, while in or on a motor vehicle or in or on a trailer or other type of vehicle being hauled by a motor vehicle, have a cocked and armed crossbow or a firearm with a cartridge or shell in the chamber or in an attached magazine, clip or cylinder or a muzzle-loading firearm charged with powder, lead and a primed ignition device or mechanism, except that a person who is ~~21~~18 years of age or older and is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm ~~or is 18 years of age or older and under 21 years of age and is on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard or is an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard and is not otherwise prohibited from carrying a firearm~~ may have in or on a motor vehicle or trailer or other type of vehicle a loaded pistol or revolver.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2001-A, sub-§2, ¶A-1, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 327, §2, is amended to read:

A-1. A handgun carried by a person who is ~~21~~18 years of age or older and is not otherwise prohibited from carrying a firearm ~~or is 18 years of age or older and under 21 years of age and is on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard or is an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard and is not otherwise prohibited from carrying a firearm~~;

SUMMARY

This bill lowers from 21 years of age to 18 years of age the age at which a person may carry a concealed handgun.