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House of Representatives, April 12, 2021

### **An Act To Aid Municipalities in the Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.  
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and  
Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, MATLACK of St. George, WARREN of Hallowell,  
Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2002-A**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 524, §4, is further amended  
3 to read:

4 **§2002-A. Assignment of authority**

5 The municipal officers of a municipality without a full-time chief of police may  
6 designate, if the Chief of the State Police agrees, the State Police as the issuing authority  
7 for that municipality. The designation must be made by written agreement with the Chief  
8 of the State Police. The agreement must include provisions for termination of the  
9 agreement. During the term of an agreement, the State Police shall perform all the  
10 functions of the issuing authority, including suspension and revocation of permits. The  
11 State Police are entitled to receive any fees authorized for performing the functions of an  
12 issuing authority. The Chief of the State Police continues to serve as the issuing authority  
13 until the chief receives from the municipal officers written notice of cancellation or  
14 revocation of the designation. The Chief of the State Police upon request shall provide  
15 assistance in conducting a background check under this chapter to a municipal issuing  
16 authority that has not designated the Chief of the State Police as the issuing authority under  
17 this section.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill requires the Department of Public Safety, Chief of the State Police upon  
20 request to provide assistance in conducting a background check for a concealed handgun  
21 permit for a municipality that has not designated the Chief of the State Police as the issuing  
22 authority for concealed handgun permits.