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An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Weapons at Municipal Public Proceedings and Voting Places

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SPEAR of South Thomaston.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BLUME of
York, FECTEAU of Biddeford, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, RYKERSON of Kittery, Senator:
MIRAMANT of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2011, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 359, is amended to
3 read:

4 **3. Exception.** This section does not prohibit an order, ordinance, rule or regulation
5 of any political subdivision ~~which that~~, with the exception of appropriate civil penalty
6 provisions, conforms exactly with any applicable provision of state law or ~~which that~~
7 regulates the discharge of firearms within a jurisdiction or that regulates the carrying of
8 firearms within a municipality in accordance with Title 30-A, section 3015.

9 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3015** is enacted to read:

10 **§3015. Regulation of weapons at municipal public proceedings and voting places**

11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a municipality may adopt
12 an ordinance that prohibits the carrying of a dangerous weapon at municipal public
13 proceedings and voting places within the municipality. A municipal ordinance adopted
14 pursuant to this section must provide an exception to allow the carrying of a handgun by
15 an on-duty federal, state or local law enforcement officer. For the purposes of this
16 section, "dangerous weapon" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection
17 9, paragraph C, "law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section
18 2, subsection 17, "public proceeding" has the same meaning as in Title 1, section 402,
19 subsection 2 and "voting place" has the same meaning as in Title 21-A, section 1,
20 subsection 49.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill allows municipalities to prohibit the carrying of dangerous weapons at
23 municipal public proceedings and voting places within the municipality. It provides an
24 exception to allow the carrying of a handgun by an on-duty law enforcement officer.