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

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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.

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

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

§2002-A. Assignment of authority

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

18 SUMMARY

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