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In Senate, February 9, 2017

An Act To Increase Firearm Safety

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery and
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BLUME of York, COOPER of Yarmouth,
DEVIN of Newcastle, GRANT of Gardiner, WARREN of Hallowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2014** is enacted to read:

3 **§2014. Purchase of firearms**

4 A person who purchases a firearm shall present proof of having successfully
5 completed an approved firearm safety course. A person may fully satisfy this
6 requirement by presenting to the seller proof that the person has successfully completed
7 military firearms training or a course that included firearm safety offered by or under the
8 supervision of a federal, state, county or municipal law enforcement agency or a firearms
9 instructor certified by a private national firearms association knowledgeable in matters of
10 firearm safety or by the state in which the course was taken. A course completion
11 certificate or other document, or a photocopy, is sufficient if it recites or otherwise
12 demonstrates that the course or training meets all of the requirements of this section. A
13 person may purchase a firearm pursuant to this section if that person presents proof that
14 the person has satisfied the handgun safety course requirements for a permit to carry
15 concealed handguns under section 2003, subsection 1, paragraph E.

16 As used in this section, "firearm" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2,
17 subsection 12-A and "handgun" has the same meaning as in section 2002, subsection 8-A.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill, using language modeled on the law regarding permits to carry concealed
20 handguns, requires a person attempting to purchase a firearm to present the seller with
21 proof of having successfully completed military firearms training or an approved firearm
22 safety course. The bill also provides that a person may meet this requirement by
23 presenting proof of having satisfied the handgun safety course requirements for a permit
24 to carry concealed handguns.