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House of Representatives, February 12, 2013

An Act To Clarify the Law Concerning the Threatening Display of Dangerous Weapons

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

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Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland and
Representatives: DICKERSON of Rockland, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GIDEON of
Freeport, PEOPLES of Westbrook, RUSSELL of Portland.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2001-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. N, §2 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:
4 5	1. Display or carrying prohibited. A person may not, unless excepted by a provision of law:
6 7 8 9 10	A. Display in a threatening manner a firearm, slungshot, knuckles, bowie knife, dirk, stiletto or other dangerous or deadly weapon usually employed in the attack on or defense of a person. For purposes of this paragraph, "display in a threatening manner" includes to display in a public place in a manner that causes a reasonable person to suffer intimidation or alarm; or
11 12 13	B. Wear under the person's clothes or conceal about the person's person a firearm, slungshot, knuckles, bowie knife, dirk, stiletto or other dangerous or deadly weapon usually employed in the attack on or defense of a person.
14	SUMMARY
15 16 17 18	This bill amends the law regarding threatening display or carrying of a dangerous weapon by clarifying that "display in a threatening manner" includes to display a dangerous or deadly weapon in a public place in a way that causes a reasonable person to suffer intimidation or alarm.