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**STATE OF MAINE
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126TH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 452, L.D. 660, Bill, “An Act To Enhance Self-defense by Removing Restrictions on the Carrying and Use of Weapons”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Remove the Concealed Handgun Permit Requirement for Carrying a Concealed Handgun for Persons Who Are Maine Residents and Are Not Otherwise Prohibited from Possessing a Firearm'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2001-A, sub-§2, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. A handgun carried by a person who is a resident of this State and is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm;

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF
Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety 0712**

Initiative: Eliminates 2 Office Associate I positions as a result of eliminating the requirement for concealed handgun permits for certain individuals.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2013-14	2014-15
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(2,000)	(2,000)
Personal Services	(\$102,382)	(\$109,242)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$102,382)	(\$109,242)

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SUMMARY

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill and is the minority report. The amendment specifies that a person who is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm and is a resident of this State may carry a concealed handgun without a permit. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)