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An Act To Expand Reciprocity by Allowing Certain Nonresidents To Possess a Firearm in Maine

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade. (BY REQUEST) Cosponsored by Representatives: COTTA of China, DAMON of Bangor.

2	Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:
3 4 5 6	2-A. Exception for certain nonresidents. A nonresident subject to the prohibition specified in subsection 1 for conviction of a crime in another state may legally possess a firearm in this State if the nonresident may legally possess a firearm in the state where the conviction occurred.
7	SUMMARY
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	Current law prohibits the possession of a firearm in Maine by a nonresident who has been convicted of a crime in another state punishable in that state by imprisonment for more than one year or of a crime classified by that state as a misdemeanor punishable by a term of more than 2 years. A resident of Maine who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for one year or more may apply for a permit to carry a firearm 5 years after the disposition of the sentence for that crime. However, unless a nonresident convicted of a crime receives a full and unconditional pardon of that conviction, that nonresident may never receive a permit to carry a firearm in Maine.
16 17 18	This bill specifies that a nonresident convicted of a crime in another state may legally possess a firearm in Maine if the nonresident is allowed to legally possess a firearm in the state where the conviction occurred.

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

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