

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

S.P. 214 - L.D. 576

**Resolve, To Protect Concealed Handgun Permit Information on a
Temporary Basis**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the list of all holders of concealed handgun permits in the State is public, which includes personal information of the permit holders such as name, full current address and date of birth; and

Whereas, this resolve places a temporary moratorium on public access to such permanent records pending the Legislature's consideration of the issue; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Moratorium on access. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2006, until April 30, 2013, a permanent record that is created by an issuing authority of a concealed handgun permit is confidential and may not be made available for public inspection or copying. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, this section applies to requests for information under the Freedom of Access Act that are pending on the effective date of this resolve. Notwithstanding this section, confidential information may be disclosed to law enforcement officers and issuing authorities for criminal justice and permitting purposes. After April 30, 2013, an application for a permit filed or granted on or after the effective date of this resolve and on or before April 30, 2013 will be governed by the law in effect on and after April 30, 2013; and be it further

Sec. 2. Repeal. Resolved: That this resolve is repealed on April 30, 2013.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.