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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 245, L.D. 652, Bill, “An Act To Authorize the Carrying of Concealed Handguns without a Permit”

Amend the amendment by inserting after the first indented paragraph after the title the following:

'Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2011, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 359, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Exceptions. This section does not prohibit:

A. An order, ordinance, rule or regulation of any political subdivision that, with the exception of appropriate civil penalty provisions, conforms exactly with any applicable provision of state law or that regulates the discharge of firearms within a jurisdiction; or

B. The legislative body of any municipality from adopting an ordinance that restricts the carrying of firearms:

(1) In that municipality's essential municipal offices and places of legislative assembly in the same manner and with the same effect as those restrictions are applied by law or rule in the State's capitol area. For the purpose of this subsection, "essential municipal offices" means the customary office facilities of a municipality's clerk, treasurer, tax collector, assessor, manager or administrator, and "places of legislative assembly" means the town or city hall or other municipal building where the town meeting or town or city council assembles for the purpose of enacting or adopting municipal budgets, laws and ordinances. If the legislative body of a municipality adopts an ordinance that restricts the carrying of firearms in that municipality's essential municipal offices or places of legislative assembly, or both, the municipality shall post, in a prominent location outside the affected offices and places, notice of the existence of that restriction; or

(2) In a Class A lounge as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 15, paragraph L.'

SENATE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
2 section number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment provides a municipal legislative body with the authority to adopt an
5 ordinance that restricts the carrying of firearms in the municipality's essential municipal
6 offices and places of legislative assembly just as the State imposes those restrictions in its
7 capitol area. It also provides a municipal legislative body with the authority to adopt an
8 ordinance that restricts the carrying of firearms in a Class A lounge.

9 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

10 (Senator GERZOFSKY)

11 **COUNTY: Cumberland**