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An Act To Improve the Process for Issuing Concealed Weapons Permits

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2003, sub-§4, ¶C, as amended by PL 1989, c. 924, §14, is further amended to read:

C. Information of record indicating that the applicant has engaged in reckless or negligent conduct;
or

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2003, sub-§4, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 924, §15, is amended to read:

D. Information of record indicating that the applicant has been convicted of or adjudicated as having committed a violation of Title 17-A, chapter 45 or Title 22, section 2383, or adjudicated as having committed a juvenile crime that is a violation of Title 22, section 2383 or a juvenile crime that would be defined as a criminal violation under Title 17-A, chapter 45 if committed by an adult; or

Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2003, sub-§4, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Information of record if the applicant is the subject of a court ruling. The issuing authority shall request that the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification provide the issuing authority with any abstract of a court ruling received by the State Bureau of Identification from a court pursuant to Title 34-B, section 3864, subsection 12.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that any government agency with authority to issue a concealed weapons permit must, in the course of reviewing an application and considering the issue of the applicant's good moral character, request and receive copies of any abstract of any court ruling regarding the applicant's mental fitness. The abstracts are currently collected by the State Bureau of Identification within the Department of Public Safety.