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Attorney General DeWine Announces Concealed Carry Reciprocity with Five Additional States

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)— Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine today announced that Ohioans with concealed carry permits will be able to use those permits in five additional states. Pursuant to changes adopted in House Bill 234 of the 130th General Assembly, Ohio now has concealed carry permit reciprocity with Colorado, Georgia, New Hampshire, Texas, and Wisconsin.

House Bill 234 strengthened background check procedures by requiring sheriffs to contact the federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) to verify that a concealed carry applicant is lawfully eligible to possess a firearm in the United States. This change allowed Attorney General DeWine to execute a concealed carry reciprocity agreement with Texas, which already had such standards.

Additionally, House Bill 234 provides that a concealed carry permit issued by another state is valid in Ohio so long as the permit holder is not an Ohio resident and is in the state temporarily. This change allowed Attorney General DeWine to confirm similar reciprocity privileges for Ohio citizens with Colorado, Georgia, New Hampshire, and Wisconsin.

Including the five additional states, Ohio now has concealed carry reciprocity with 28 total states. Ohio had already confirmed reciprocity with Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

The changes enacted by House Hill 234 became effective today. The Ohio Attorney General's Office has updated its concealed carry laws manual, as well as the State of Ohio concealed carry license and renewal application to reflect the changes in law. The manual is available online at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/CCWManual, and the application is available at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/CCWApplication.





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March 26, 2015

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RE: Concealed Carry Handgun License Reciprocity

Dear General DeWine:

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 11, 2015 wherein you advise that the State of Ohio will now honor our resident license to carry concealed weapons when visiting Ohio.

I also enclose a copy of our statute, RSA 159:6-d, which covers the reciprocity issue. As you will note, because our states mutually recognize valid concealed carry licenses from the other state, there is no need for a formal reciprocity agreement.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K O'Brien".

Kevin O'Brien
Chief of Policy and Planning

Enclosure

Cc: Sgt. Sean Haggerty, Permits and Licensing Unit

TITLE XII

PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE

CHAPTER 159

PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS

Section 159:6-d

159:6-d Full Faith and Credit for Licenses From Other States; Reciprocity. – Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 159:6, no nonresident holding a current and valid license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver in the state in which he resides or who is a peace officer in the state in which he resides, shall be required to obtain a license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver within this state if:

- I. Such nonresident carries upon his person the license held from the state in which he resides; and
- II. The state in which such person is a resident provides a reciprocal privilege for residents of this state.

Source. 1993, 130:1, eff. Jan. 1, 1994.