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Re: Concealed Handgun License Reciprocity Agreements

Dear Deputy Attorney General Fulkerson:

On behalf of Attorney General Grewal, please accept this response to your October 23, 2019 correspondence requesting confirmation that the State of New Jersey does not allow reciprocity agreements for concealed handgun licenses.

The applicable New Jersey law, N.J.S.2C:39-5(b), prohibits any person from knowingly having in his possession any handgun "without first having obtained a permit to carry the same as provided in N.J.S.2C:58-4[.]" That referenced law allows residents of other states to apply to the Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police to receive a license to carry in New Jersey, but it does not authorize reciprocal recognition of carry permits issued by another state. Accordingly, this response confirms that New Jersey law does not permit the execution of a reciprocity agreement or mutual recognition between our two states with respect to carrying handguns.

I would be happy to keep you apprised of any future developments in the law that would allow for reciprocal agreements between our states. I trust that this response adequately addresses your inquiry, and invite you to contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

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