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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](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/CCWManual), and the application is available at [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/CCWApplication](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/CCWApplication).



**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**  
between the State of Texas and the State of Ohio  
concerning Concealed Handgun License Reciprocity

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WHEREAS, the State of Texas has the authority to issue a concealed handgun license pursuant to Texas Government Code § 411, Subchapter H; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has the authority to issue a concealed handgun license pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 2923.125; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is authorized to recognize the validity of a nonresident concealed handgun license if the Texas Attorney General determines, with respect to the other state, that a background check through the FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database and the FBI Interstate Identification Index (III) database is initiated by state or local authorities, or an agent thereof, on each applicant before the license is issued; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Attorney General has made such affirmative determination with respect to all concealed handgun licenses issued or renewed by the State of Ohio on or after March 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is therefore authorized to recognize the validity of an Ohio concealed handgun license pursuant to Texas Government Code § 411.173(b); and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio is authorized, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 109.69(A), to recognize a valid concealed handgun license issued by another state, provided 1) the eligibility requirements imposed by that license-issuing state for that license are substantially comparable to the eligibility requirements for a concealed handgun license issued under Ohio Revised Code § 2923.125; and 2) that the license-issuing state recognizes a concealed handgun license issued under Ohio Revised Code § 2923.125; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General has determined the State of Texas meets the reciprocity eligibility requirements set forth in Ohio Revised Code § 109.69; and

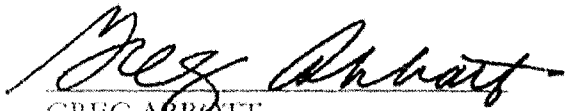
WHEREAS, concealed handgun license reciprocity between Texas and Ohio is thus supported by the laws of both states;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. The State of Texas shall give full faith and credit to a valid concealed handgun license issued by the State of Ohio on or after March 23, 2015; and
2. The State of Ohio shall give full faith and credit to a valid concealed handgun license issued by the State of Texas; and
3. Persons carrying a concealed handgun pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement shall comply with all applicable concealed carry laws, rules, and regulations of the respective states, including, but not limited to, age requirements and restrictions regarding the type of firearms that may be carried; and

4. The State of Texas and the State of Ohio will inform each other of any changes to their respective weapons statutes that may affect the eligibility of the recognition granted by each state pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement.

This Memorandum of Agreement becomes effective on the date of the final signature and shall continue in effect unless modified by mutual written consent, or terminated by either state upon thirty (30) days written notice. This document is not intended to limit or restrict the statutory authority or jurisdiction of either state.



GREG ABBOTT  
Governor of Texas

Date: 4-28-2015



MIKE DeWINE  
Ohio Attorney General

Date: 4-28-2015

Based on information provided to my office by representatives of the State of Ohio, I hereby certify that on or after March 23, 2015, state and local authorities in Ohio are required to initiate a background check prior to the issuance of all concealed handgun licenses.



Ken Paxton  
Texas Attorney General