



WHAT FEDERALLY MANDATED CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY WOULD MEAN FOR **GEORGIA**

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill are debating a bill that would force each state to recognize the concealed carry laws of every other state, putting Georgia's public safety at risk.

Currently states have the right to choose which states' concealed carry privileges they recognize, which is important because the requirements to carry hidden, loaded guns in public vary drastically from state to state. If the concealed carry reciprocity bill passes, that will no longer be the case, and **Georgia will be forced to allow unqualified, dangerous people from out of state to carry guns in public places.**

State gun laws vary dramatically, with Georgia having clear laws to reduce gun violence. If this bill becomes federal law, almost any person from any state would be automatically authorized to carry concealed in Georgia regardless of whether that person meets Georgia's standards for a "lawful weapons carrier."

Current Georgia **law limits who can carry concealed, loaded handguns in public.** If the concealed carry reciprocity bill passes, Georgia would be federally mandated to honor the weak or nonexistent concealed carry standards of other states, making Georgia less safe and putting law enforcement at risk.

REQUIREMENTS TO CARRY CONCEALED IN...		
	GEORGIA	MISSISSIPPI
Must have a permit?	✓ Although a permit is not required to carry a concealed handgun in public, a person must still meet eligibility requirements to carry lawfully.	✗ Any person who is not currently engaged in criminal activity is allowed to carry a loaded concealed handgun in public in a holster or a bag.
Must NOT have a history of drug or alcohol convictions?	✓ A person is not eligible to carry a concealed handgun if they were convicted of a drug misdemeanor within the last five years.	✗ Non-felony drug convictions do not disqualify a person from carrying a concealed handgun in public.
Must be 21 or older?	✓ A person must be at least 21 years of age to lawfully carry a concealed handgun in public.	✗ Anyone 18 years or older who can legally possess a firearm may carry a loaded, concealed handgun in public, but applicants for a concealed carry license must be at least 21 years old.
Must have no convictions for unlawful carrying?	✓ A person convicted of carrying a firearm in an unauthorized location is not eligible to carry a concealed handgun in public for the next five years.	✗ A person convicted of carrying a concealed firearm in an unauthorized location can still legally carry a concealed firearm.