



WHAT FEDERALLY MANDATED CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY WOULD MEAN FOR MAINE

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill are debating a bill that would force each state to recognize the concealed carry laws of every other state, putting Maine'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 **Maine will be forced to allow unqualified, dangerous people from out of state to carry guns in public places.**

State gun laws vary dramatically, with Maine 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 Maine, regardless of whether that person meets Maine's standards for what it takes to carry a concealed gun in public.

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

REQUIREMENTS TO CARRY CONCEALED IN...

	MAINE	NEW HAMPSHIRE
Must be 21 or older?	✓ Maine requires a person to be at least 21 years old and not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm before they can carry a concealed weapon in public.	✗ Anyone 18 or older is allowed to carry a loaded, concealed firearm without a permit unless they are legally prohibited from possessing that firearm.
Must have training/ demonstrate ability to handle a firearm?	✓ Before finalizing the purchase of a handgun from a licensed dealer in Maine, a person must receive and retain firearm safety materials from a firearm dealer.	✗ A person can purchase and carry a concealed weapon without receiving any safety materials, undergoing any safety training, or demonstrating any knowledge of firearms or firearm safety.
Must not be dangerous?	✓ Law enforcement may issue a protective order prohibiting a person from carrying a weapon if a medical professional determines they pose a danger of serious harm to themselves or others.	✗ There is no law allowing law enforcement to prevent individuals known to be dangerous from carrying a loaded, concealed weapon in public unless they are prohibited from possessing firearms.
Must NOT have a criminal record?	✓ Individuals cannot carry concealed firearms if they have severe mental illness, have been found incompetent or insane in a criminal proceeding, or have been convicted of any crime involving use of a dangerous weapon.	✗ No state laws exist preventing the concealed carry of firearms by people with serious mental illnesses or who have been convicted of most violent misdemeanors.