



WHAT FEDERALLY MANDATED CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY WOULD MEAN FOR NORTH CAROLINA

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

Currently states have the right to choose which states’ concealed carry permits 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 **North Carolina will be forced to allow unlicensed, unvetted people from out of state to carry guns in public places.**

As of today, 29 states—including nearby states like Georgia and South Carolina—**do not require** any permit or training to carry hidden loaded guns in public. If this bill becomes federal law, almost any person from these states would be automatically authorized to carry concealed in North Carolina, regardless of whether that person meets North Carolina’s standards for what it takes to carry a concealed gun in public.

Current North Carolina law requires individuals to obtain a concealed carry permit to carry in North Carolina. If the concealed carry reciprocity bill passes, North Carolina would be federally mandated to honor the weak or nonexistent concealed carry standards of other states, **making North Carolina less safe and putting law enforcement at risk.**

REQUIREMENTS TO CARRY CONCEALED IN...		
	NORTH CAROLINA	GEORGIA
Must have a permit?	<div>✓</div> North Carolina requires individuals to obtain a permit before carrying a concealed weapon in public, and North Carolina’s permitting process includes a criminal background check.	<div>✗</div> A person does NOT need a permit and does not need to go through a background check or any other vetting process to carry a concealed handgun.
Must have training/ demonstrate ability to handle a firearm?	<div>✓</div> All permit applicants must complete a firearms safety and training course that includes a firing exercise and instruction on firearm laws in North Carolina.	<div>✗</div> A person can carry a concealed weapon with no safety training and without demonstrating any knowledge of firearms or firearm safety.
Must be 21 or older?	<div>✓</div> A person must be at least 21 years old in order to obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon in North Carolina.	<div>✗</div> 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 NOT have a criminal record?	<div>✓</div> Law enforcement must deny concealed carry permits to individuals indicted for or convicted of felonies, convicted of certain violent misdemeanors, or who have serious mental illnesses.	<div>✗</div> NO system ensures that people who are convicted of felonies or domestic abuse or become subject to restraining orders turn over their guns and do not carry them in public.