



## WHAT FEDERALLY MANDATED CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY WOULD MEAN FOR **NEW JERSEY**

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill are debating a bill that would force each state to recognize the concealed carry laws of every other state, putting New Jersey'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 **New Jersey 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 New Hampshire and Ohio—**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 New Jersey, regardless of whether that person meets New Jersey's standards for what it takes to carry a concealed gun in public.

**Current New Jersey law does not allow those with concealed carry permits issued by other states to carry in New Jersey.** If the concealed carry reciprocity bill passes, New Jersey would be federally mandated to honor the weak or nonexistent concealed carry standards of other states, **making New Jersey less safe and putting law enforcement at risk.**

### REQUIREMENTS TO CARRY CONCEALED IN...

	NEW JERSEY	NEW HAMPSHIRE
Must have a permit?	✓ New Jersey prohibits carrying a concealed weapon in public without first obtaining a permit through New Jersey State Police or local law enforcement.	✗ Anyone is allowed to carry a concealed weapon without a permit unless they are legally prohibited from possessing a firearm, and no background check is required to carry a concealed weapon.
Must have training/ demonstrate ability to handle a firearm?	✓ All permit applicants must complete a firearms training course or otherwise demonstrate "thorough familiarity" with safe use of firearms and must complete training in the safe storage of firearms.	✗ A person can carry a concealed weapon with no safety training and without demonstrating any knowledge of firearms or firearm safety.
Must not be dangerous?	✓ A permit applicant must be endorsed by four reputable persons, and law enforcement must determine the applicant is unlikely to engage in conduct that would harm themselves or others.	✗ Law enforcement have no authority to prevent known dangerous individuals from carrying concealed weapons unless they are already legally prohibited from possessing a firearm.
Must NOT have a criminal record?	✓ Individuals cannot carry concealed firearms if they have been convicted of a "crime," have serious mental health or substance use problems, or are subject to a domestic violence restraining order.	✗ NO state law prevents the concealed carry of firearms by people who have been convicted of violent or drug-related misdemeanors.