



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

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 Mexico'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 Mexico will be forced to allow unlicensed, unvetted people from out of state to carry guns in public places.**

As of today, 29 states—including states like Texas and Arizona—**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 Mexico, regardless of whether that person meets New Mexico's standards for what it takes to carry a concealed gun in public.

Current New Mexico law limits which concealed carry permits issued by other states authorize a person to carry in New Mexico. If the concealed carry reciprocity bill passes, New Mexico would be federally mandated to honor the weak or nonexistent concealed carry standards of other states, **making New Mexico less safe and putting law enforcement at risk.**

REQUIREMENTS TO CARRY CONCEALED IN...			
		NEW MEXICO	ARIZONA
Must have a permit?	✓	New Mexico prohibits carrying a concealed weapon in public without first undergoing a background check and obtaining a permit from the state Department of Public Safety.	✗ Anyone 21 or older is allowed to carry a loaded, concealed weapon without a permit and without undergoing a criminal background check.
	✓	All permit applicants must complete a firearms training course that covers the safe handling and storage of firearms and an overview of state and federal firearm laws.	✗ A person can carry a concealed weapon with no training on firearm safety, handling, or storage, and without demonstrating experience with firearms.
	✓	Law enforcement may temporarily remove firearms from those who pose imminent danger to themselves or others, and these individuals are not eligible for a permit.	✗ NO authority exists for state law enforcement to prevent individuals from carrying loaded concealed weapons in public, even when they are known to be dangerous, unless they are legally prohibited from possessing a firearm.
	✓	Individuals cannot obtain a permit to carry concealed firearms if they have been convicted of a misdemeanor offense involving driving while intoxicated in the past 5 years or a misdemeanor drug offense in the last 10 years.	✗ NO state laws prohibit the concealed carry of firearms by people recently convicted of drug-related misdemeanors or misdemeanor DUIs.
Must have basic firearm and safety training?			
Must NOT be dangerous?			
Must NOT have a criminal record?			