



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

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 York’s public safety at risk.

Currently states have the right to choose which states’ concealed carry permits they recognize. This 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 York 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 Georgia and New Hampshire—**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 weapons in New York, regardless of whether that person meets New York’s standards for carrying a concealed gun in public.

**Current New York law does not allow people from other states to carry in New York without a concealed carry license.** If the concealed carry reciprocity bill passes, New York would be federally mandated to honor the weak or nonexistent concealed carry standards of other states, **making New York less safe and putting law enforcement at risk.**

### REQUIREMENTS TO CARRY CONCEALED IN...

	NEW YORK	GEORGIA
<b>Must have a permit?</b>	✓ Any person seeking to carry a handgun must pass a background check and apply for a license from the local licensing officer, who must conduct an investigation.	✗ 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.
<b>Must have training?</b>	✓ Applicants for a license to carry a handgun must undergo an in-person live firearms safety course including a minimum of 16 hours in-person training covering specified topics.	✗ A person may carry a concealed handgun without having ever received firearms training or having any experience with firearms.
<b>Must not be dangerous?</b>	✓ An applicant for a concealed carry license must provide four character references and complete an in-person interview with a licensing officer.	✗ State law enforcement has NO authority to prevent a person known to be dangerous from carrying a handgun in public, unless they’re prohibited from possessing firearms.
<b>Must NOT have a criminal record?</b>	✓ The Division of Criminal Justice Services conducts monthly checks against a statewide database of license holders to ensure licenses don’t need to be revoked and firearms removed.	✗ 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.