



WHAT FEDERALLY MANDATED CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY WOULD MEAN FOR PENNSYLVANIA

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill are debating a bill that would force each state to recognize the concealed carry laws of every other state, putting Pennsylvania'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 **Pennsylvania 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 West Virginia 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 weapons in Pennsylvania, regardless of whether that person meets Pennsylvania's standards for carrying a concealed gun in public.

Current Pennsylvania law does not allow people from other states to carry in Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania less safe and putting law enforcement at risk.**

REQUIREMENTS TO CARRY CONCEALED IN...			
		PENNSYLVANIA	WEST VIRGINIA
Must have a permit?	✓	Any person seeking to carry a handgun must pass a background check and apply for a license from local law enforcement, who must conduct an investigation.	✗ A person over age 21 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.
	✓	A person must be 21 years of age or older to obtain a license and carry a concealed handgun.	✗ A person between the ages of 18 and 21 can obtain a license to carry a concealed handgun in public.
	✓	Law enforcement may deny an application for a license to carry a firearm if the applicant has a character and reputation indicating the applicant would be likely to act in a manner dangerous to public safety.	✗ State law enforcement has NO authority to prevent a person known to be dangerous from carrying a handgun in public, unless they are otherwise prohibited from possessing firearms under state or federal law.
	✓	Licenses may be revoked by the issuing authority for "good cause" such as when the license holder is convicted of an offense like domestic violence which would make them ineligible to qualify for a license.	✗ No system ensures that people who are convicted of felonies or domestic abuse or who become subject to restraining orders turn over their guns and do not carry them in public.
Must be 21 years of age or older?			
Must NOT be dangerous?			
Must NOT have a criminal record?			