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Re: Concealed Handgun License Reciprocity

Dear Deputy Attorney General Fulkerson,

Thank you for contacting the Colorado Bureau of Investigation regarding the reaffirming of concealed carry permit reciprocity between the state of Ohio and the state of Colorado. At this time, there is no mechanism within our state law that allows for entry into a formal reciprocity agreement. In accordance with Colorado statute, we pass reciprocal authority to the other state(s) to recognize the validity of a Colorado permit, once honored, the other state(s) permit shall be valid within Colorado.

Colorado State Law, C.R.S 18-12-213 governs reciprocity and states that "a permit to carry a concealed handgun or a concealed weapon that is issued by a state that recognizes the validity of permits issued pursuant to this part 2 shall be valid in this state in all respects as a permit issued pursuant to this part 2 if the permit is issued to a person who is:

- (a) Twenty-one years of age or older; and
- (b) (I) A resident of the state that issued the permit, as demonstrated by the address stated on a valid picture identification that is issued by the state that issued the permit and is carried by the permit holder; or
- (II) A resident of Colorado for no more than ninety days, as determined by the date of issuance on a valid picture identification issued by Colorado and carried by the permit holder.
- (2) For purposes of this section, a "valid picture identification" means a driver's license or a state identification issued in lieu of a driver's license" (C.R.S 18-12-213).


As your letter indicates, the State of Ohio automatically honors out of state concealed carry permits for temporary visitors pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 109.69(B)(3), therefore, Colorado will honor a resident Ohio concealed handgun license in accordance with Colorado Revised Code 18-12-213.

This letter shall serve as an official document acknowledging continued concealed carry reciprocity between the state of Ohio and the state of Colorado. Included is our Colorado Survey regarding concealed carry reciprocity. It would be appreciated if you could complete and return it to me, at your earliest convenience.

As the Colorado Bureau of Investigation has taken responsibility for collecting and disseminating permit reciprocity information to both Colorado Law Enforcement Agencies and to interested citizens, please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information or assistance regarding this matter. My direct line is (303) 813-5702, or you may respond to me via email at James.Spoden@state.co.us.

Very Respectfully,

John Camper  
Director

  
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