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Ohio and Louisiana Sign Concealed Carry Reciprocity Agreement

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and Louisiana State Police Colonel Mike Edmonson have signed an agreement that permits reciprocity between their states for citizens who have valid concealed carry permits.

“I am pleased that this agreement between Ohio and Louisiana will allow Ohioans who have concealed carry permits the same rights to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Louisiana, as well as Louisianans who have concealed carry permits to do the same in Ohio” said Attorney General DeWine.

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal said, "This is an important step as we work to ensure the rights of law-abiding gun owners are protected all across our nation. The Second Amendment protects our freedom, the right to defend ourselves and the ability to hunt and enjoy the great outdoors - and we must always honor and uphold those values in Louisiana."

“It is a pleasure for Louisiana to join with Ohio in expanding reciprocity of our respective concealed handgun permit programs. Receiving a permit is an involved process which requires training, as well as, submission to an extensive background investigation. As such, we are proud to extend the rights to carry concealed to those who have successfully completed this process,” said Colonel Mike Edmonson.

Ohio law permits the Attorney General to enter into written agreements with other states whose laws are “substantially comparable” to Ohio’s eligibility requirements for a license to carry a concealed handgun. In Louisiana, this authority falls under the Louisiana State Police.

Louisiana’s and Ohio’s concealed carry laws are very similar to one another. Both states require a background check for long-term residents of their state or an FBI III check for short-term residents of their states, and both require training in order to be eligible for a concealed carry license.

Concealed carry permit holders will be required to comply with all of the other state's laws regarding possession, transportation, storage and use of concealed weapons and all other applicable laws except those regarding issuance, suspension, revocation and renewal of concealed weapons licenses, which remain within the power of the issuing state.

Each state will make their verification systems available to the other to be able to check the status of the other state's concealed carry licenses.

The agreement remains in force unless statutory authority for it is withdrawn by either of the state's legislatures or terminated in writing by either party upon 30 days notice.

With the addition of Louisiana, Ohio now has reciprocity agreements with twenty one states. With the addition of Ohio, Louisiana now has reciprocity agreements with thirty six states.



Concealed Carry Reciprocity Agreement
Between the State of Louisiana and the State of Ohio

Whereas the State of Louisiana and the State of Ohio (the "Parties") each wish to provide for their respective concealed carry licenses to possess concealed weapons while in the jurisdiction of the other, each state hereby agrees as follows:

1. Findings: The Superintendent of the Louisiana State Police hereby determines that concealed carry reciprocity with the State of Ohio is appropriate under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1379.3, Louisiana Administrative Code 55:1307 and related sections of Louisiana law.

The Ohio Attorney General hereby determines that a concealed carry reciprocity agreement with the State of Louisiana is appropriate under the provisions of Ohio Rev. Code § 109.69.

2. Reciprocity: The State of Louisiana hereby agrees to recognize the Ohio License to Carry a Concealed Handgun as valid within the state of Louisiana pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1379.3, Louisiana Administrative Code 55:1307 and related sections of Louisiana law.

The state of Ohio hereby agrees to recognize the Louisiana License to Carry a Concealed Weapon as valid within the state of Ohio pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 109.69.

3. Binding Law: The licensees of each state, while within the jurisdiction of the other, shall be obliged to comply with all of the foreign state's laws regarding possession, transportation, storage, and use of concealed weapons, and all other applicable laws except those regarding issuance, suspension, revocation, and renewal of concealed weapons licenses, which matters shall remain within the exclusive power of the issuing state.

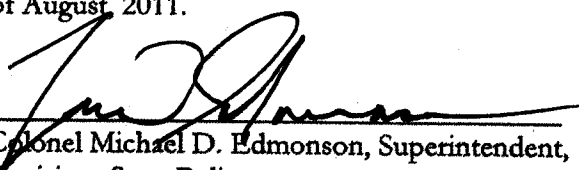
4. Termination: This Agreement shall remain in effect in perpetuity, or until such time as statutory authority for this agreement is withdrawn by the legislature of either Party, or until this Agreement is terminated in writing by either Party upon thirty (30) days notice.


5. License Verification: Each state shall make available to law enforcement officers of the other a means to immediately verify the authenticity and status of that state's concealed carry licenses.

Louisiana Concealed Handgun Licenses can be verified through an NLET CWQ inquiry, or by calling the Louisiana State Police, Concealed Handgun Permit Section, at (225) 925-4867.

Ohio Licenses to Carry Concealed Handguns can be verified through a NLET CWQ inquiry, or by contacting the Law Enforcement Automated Data System, Ohio Control Center, at (614) 466-3055.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the State of Louisiana and the State of Ohio have caused this Agreement to be executed, each by its duly authorized officer, as of this _____ day of August, 2011.


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