



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
December 12, 2011

MEDIA CONTACTS:
Dan Tierney: 614-466-3840
Lisa Hackley: 614-466-3840

Ohio and New Mexico Sign Concealed Carry Reciprocity Agreement

(COLUMBUS/SANTA FE)—Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and New Mexico Department of Public Safety Cabinet Secretary Gorden E. Eden, Jr. 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 New Mexico will allow Ohioans who have concealed carry permits the same rights to carry a concealed handgun in the State of New Mexico, as well as New Mexicans who have concealed carry permits to do the same in Ohio" said Attorney General DeWine.

Secretary Eden reiterated those remarks. "As proponents of the Second Amendment, the New Mexico Department of Public Safety is happy to extend concealed carry rights to licensed Ohioans, as those same rights are extended to licensed New Mexicans who visit Ohio."

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 New Mexico, this authority falls under the New Mexico Department of Public Safety.

New Mexico'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The agreement remains in force unless statutory authority for it is withdrawn by either of the state's legislatures or terminated in writing by either party upon 30 days notice.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 this signing, Ohio and New Mexico each now have reciprocity agreements with 22 states.



Concealed Carry Reciprocity Agreement
Between the State of New Mexico and the State of Ohio

Whereas the State of New Mexico 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 Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Department of Public Safety hereby determines that concealed carry reciprocity with the State of Ohio is appropriate under the provisions of NMSA 1978 Section 29-19-12(E) and related sections of New Mexico law.

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

2. Reciprocity: The State of New Mexico hereby agrees to recognize the Ohio License to Carry a Concealed Handgun as valid within the state of New Mexico pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 29-19-12(E) and related sections of New Mexico law.

The State of Ohio hereby agrees to recognize the New Mexico 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

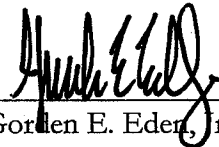
statutory authority for this agreement is withdrawn by the legislature of either Party, or until this Agreement is terminated in writing by either Party upon thirty (30) days notice.

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.

New Mexico Concealed Handgun Licenses can be verified through an NLET CWQ inquiry.

Ohio Licenses to Carry Concealed Handguns can be verified through a NLET CWQ inquiry.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the State of New Mexico and the State of Ohio have caused this Agreement to be executed, each by its duly authorized officer, as of this 13th day of DECEMBER, 2011.



Gordon E. Eder, Jr., Cabinet Secretary
New Mexico Department of Public Safety
Post Office Box 1628
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504



Michael DeWine, Ohio Attorney General
State Office Tower
30 E. Broad Street, 17th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215