MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

The State of Texas

and

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

concerning Handgun License Reciprocity for Concealed Carry

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has the authority to issue a Concealed Handgun License pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code § 411, Subchapter H; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has the authority to issue a License to Carry a Firearm pursuant to 18 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Annotated § 6109; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is authorized to recognize the validity of a nonresident concealed handgun license if the Texas Attorney General determines that a background check of each applicant for a license issued by the other state is conducted by state or local authorities, or agent thereof, before the license is issued to determine the applicants' eligibility to possess a firearm under the Federal Gun Control Act (18 U.S.C. § 922); and

WHEREAS, the Texas Attorney General has made such affirmative determination with respect to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is therefore authorized to recognize the validity of a Pennsylvania License to Carry a Firearm pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code § 411.173 (b); and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is authorized, pursuant to 18 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Annotated § 6109(k), to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states providing for the mutual recognition of each state's license to carry a firearm; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has determined that the State of Texas meets the requirements for reciprocity with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Handgun License reciprocity between Texas and Pennsylvania is thus supported by the laws of both states;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. The State of Texas shall give full faith and credit to a valid License to Carry a Firearm issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

2. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall give full faith and credit to a valid Concealed Handgun License issued by the State of Texas; and

3. Persons carrying a concealed firearm pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement shall comply with all applicable concealed carry laws, rules and regulations of the respective states, including, but not limited to, age requirements and restrictions regarding the type of firearms that may be carried; and

4. The State of Texas and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will inform each other of any changes to their respective weapons statutes that may affect the eligibility of the recognition granted by each state pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement.

This Memorandum of Agreement becomes effective on the date of the final signature and shall continue in effect unless modified by mutual written consent, or terminated by either state upon thirty (30) days' written notice. This document is not intended to limit or restrict the statutory authority or jurisdiction of either state.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

DATE 2/22/05

ROBERT A. MULLE
Chief Deputy Attorney General
for Attorney General of Pennsylvania

DATE 2/28/05

I hereby certify that a background check of each applicant for a license issued by the State of Pennsylvania is conducted by Pennsylvania or its local authorities, or an agent of the State of Pennsylvania or its local authorities, before the license is issued to determine the applicants' eligibility to possess a firearm under federal law.

GREG ABBOTT
Attorney General of Texas