

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

and

The State of Arkansas

Concerning Handgun License Reciprocity for Concealed Carry

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 Arkansas has the authority to issue a Concealed Handgun Carry License pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §§5-73-301 et seq. and §5-73-402; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is authorized to recognize the validity of a nonresident concealed handgun carry license if the Pennsylvania 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 Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has made such affirmative determination with respect to the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas is authorized, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §5-73-402, to recognize the validity of a license to carry a concealed handgun issued by another state, if that state honors the Arkansas concealed handgun carry license; 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 Arkansas meets the requirements for reciprocity with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

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

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

1. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall give full faith and credit to a valid Concealed Handgun Carry License issued by the State of Arkansas; and
2. The State of Arkansas shall consider holders of a valid Concealed Handgun Carry License issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be concealed handgun carry licensees in Arkansas as required by Arkansas Code Annotated §5-73-402; and
3. Persons carrying a concealed handgun pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement shall comply with all applicable concealed handgun 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 Arkansas 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.



Colonel Winford Phillips
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