RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT
between
The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
and
The State of North Carolina

This Reciprocity Agreement is between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by and through its Office of Attorney General, and the State of North Carolina, by and through its Office of Attorney General (together, the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Reciprocity Agreement is to mutually extend reciprocal concealed carry license privileges to the residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of North Carolina;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizes individuals, with a license issued under 18 Pa. C.S. § 6109 (the “PA License”), to carry a concealed firearm;

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina authorizes individuals, with a permit issued under N.C.G.S. § 14-415.15 (the “NC License”), to carry a concealed handgun;

WHEREAS, the Office of Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is authorized by 18 Pa. C.S. § 6109(k) to enter into a reciprocity agreement with the State of North Carolina providing for the recognition of NC Licenses;

WHEREAS, the Office of Attorney General of the State of North Carolina is authorized by N.C.G.S. § 14-415.24 to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to recognize NC Licenses;

WHEREAS, the Office of Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has determined that the NC License meets the requirements for reciprocity in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, the Office of Attorney General of the State of North Carolina has determined that the PA License meets the requirements for reciprocity in the State of North Carolina; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits and obligations set forth in this Reciprocity Agreement, the Parties hereby agree and covenant as follows:

1. The recitals above are reaffirmed and incorporated herein as material provisions of this Reciprocity Agreement.

2. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall recognize all valid NC Licenses issued to legal residents of the State of North Carolina who are 21 years of age or older. (North Carolina law only issues permits to North Carolina residents who are 21 years of age or older)

3. The State of North Carolina shall recognize all valid PA Licenses issued to legal residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
4. This Reciprocity Agreement grants to NC License holders all rights and privileges granted to PA License holders while NC License holders are in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Similarly, this Reciprocity Agreement grants to PA License holders all rights and privileges to carry a concealed handgun, which is more limited in definition than firearms, granted to NC License holders while PA License holders are in the State of North Carolina.

5. This Reciprocity Agreement applies only to the carrying of concealed handgun and not to any other types of weapons.

6. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of North Carolina will promptly inform each other of any changes to their respective concealed carry firearm license statutes and provide a copy of the revised statutes, as any changes may impact the validity of this Reciprocity Agreement.

7. This Reciprocity Agreement is contingent upon and shall remain effective only as long as the respective statutory authority set forth above continues to authorize the Parties to grant reciprocal privileges.

8. This Reciprocity Agreement shall become immediately effective, and rescind and replace any prior agreement, upon its execution by the Parties and shall continue in effect unless modified or terminated by the Parties in writing.

9. This Reciprocity Agreement may be terminated by either Party upon thirty (30) calendar days’ written notice.

10. NC License holders carrying a concealed firearm in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under this Reciprocity Agreement shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

11. PA License holders carrying a concealed handgun in the State of North Carolina under this Reciprocity Agreement shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the State of North Carolina.

12. This document is not intended to and shall not limit or restrict the statutory authority or jurisdiction of the Parties.

Dated this 14 day of December, 2017.

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