RECIROCITY AGREEMENT
between
The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
and
The State of South Dakota

This Reciprocity Agreement is between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by and through its Office of Attorney General, and the State of South Dakota, by and through its Department of State (together, the "Parties").

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

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 South Dakota authorizes individuals, with a regular permit issued under S.D.C.L. § 23-7-7, an enhanced permit issued under S.D.C.L. § 23-7-53, or a gold card permit issued under S.D.C.L. § 23-7-60 (together, the "SD License"), to carry a concealed firearm;

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 South Dakota providing for the recognition of SD Licenses;

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Department of State, is authorized by S.D.C.L. §§ 23-7-7.3 and 23-7-7.4 to enter into a reciprocity agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing for the recognition of PA Licenses;

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

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Department of State has determined that the PA License meets the requirements for reciprocity in the State of South Dakota; 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 SD Licenses issued to legal residents of the State of South Dakota who are 21 years of age or older; the rights and privileges of SD License holders recognized under this Reciprocity Agreement shall be the same as, and not greater than, those rights and privileges granted to PA License
holders under Pennsylvania law.

3. The State of South Dakota shall recognize all valid PA Licenses; the rights and privileges of PA License holders recognized under this Reciprocity Agreement shall be the same as, and not greater than, those rights and privileges granted to SD License holders under South Dakota law.

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

5. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of South Dakota will promptly inform each other of any changes in 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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

9. SD 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.

10. PA License holders carrying a concealed firearm in the State of South Dakota under this Reciprocity Agreement shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the State of South Dakota.

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

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