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To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a means by which non-residents of a State whose residents may carry concealed firearms may also do so in the State.

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Constitutional Con-
5 cealed Carry Reciprocity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RECIPROCITY FOR THE CARRYING OF CERTAIN**
7 **CONCEALED FIREARMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 926C
10 the following:

11 **“§ 926D. Reciprocity for the carrying of certain con-**
12 **cealed firearms**

13 “(a) Notwithstanding any provision of the law of any
14 State or political subdivision thereof (except as provided
15 in subsection (b)) and subject only to the requirements
16 of this section, a person who is not prohibited by Federal
17 law from possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving
18 a firearm, who is carrying a valid identification document
19 containing a photograph of the person, and who is car-
20 rying a valid license or permit which is issued pursuant
21 to the law of a State and which permits the person to

1 carry a concealed firearm or is entitled to carry a con-
2 cealed firearm in the State in which the person resides,
3 may possess or carry a concealed handgun (other than a
4 machine gun or destructive device) that has been shipped
5 or transported in interstate or foreign commerce, in any
6 State that—

7 “(1) has a statute under which residents of the
8 State may apply for a license or permit to carry a
9 concealed firearm; or

10 “(2) does not prohibit the carrying of concealed
11 firearms by residents of the State for lawful pur-
12 poses.

13 “(b) This section shall not be construed to supersede
14 or limit the laws of any State that—

15 “(1) permit private persons or entities to pro-
16 hibit or restrict the possession of concealed firearms
17 on their property; or

18 “(2) prohibit or restrict the possession of fire-
19 arms on any State or local government property, in-
20 stallation, building, or base.

21 “(c)(1) A person who carries or possesses a concealed
22 handgun in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) may
23 not be arrested or otherwise detained for violation of any
24 law or any rule or regulation of a State or any political
25 subdivision thereof related to the possession, transpor-

1 tation, or carrying of firearms unless there is probable
2 cause to believe that the person is doing so in a manner
3 not provided for by this section. Presentation of facially
4 valid documents as specified in subsection (a) is prima
5 facie evidence that the individual has a license or permit
6 as required by this section.

7 “(2) When a person asserts this section as a defense
8 in a criminal proceeding, the prosecution shall bear the
9 burden of proving, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the
10 conduct of the person did not satisfy the conditions set
11 forth in subsections (a) and (b).

12 “(3) When a person successfully asserts this section
13 as a defense in a criminal proceeding, the court shall
14 award the prevailing defendant a reasonable attorney’s
15 fee.

16 “(d)(1) A person who is deprived of any right, privi-
17 lege, or immunity secured by this section, under color of
18 any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage of any
19 State or any political subdivision thereof, may bring an
20 action in any appropriate court against any other person,
21 including a State or political subdivision thereof, who
22 causes the person to be subject to the deprivation, for
23 damages or other appropriate relief.

24 “(2) The court shall award a plaintiff prevailing in
25 an action brought under paragraph (1) damages and such

1 other relief as the court deems appropriate, including a
2 reasonable attorney's fee.

3 “(e) In subsection (a):

4 “(1) The term ‘identification document’ means
5 a document made or issued by or under the author-
6 ity of the United States Government, a State, or a
7 political subdivision of a State which, when com-
8 pleted with information concerning a particular indi-
9 vidual, is of a type intended or commonly accepted
10 for the purpose of identification of individuals.

11 “(2) The term ‘handgun’ includes any magazine
12 for use in a handgun and any ammunition loaded
13 into the handgun or its magazine.

14 “(f)(1) A person who possesses or carries a concealed
15 handgun under subsection (a) shall not be subject to the
16 prohibitions of section 922(q).

17 “(2) A person possessing or carrying a concealed
18 handgun in a State under subsection (a) may do so in
19 any of the following areas in the State that are open to
20 the public:

21 “(A) A unit of the National Park System.

22 “(B) A unit of the National Wildlife Refuge
23 System.

24 “(C) Public land under the jurisdiction of the
25 Bureau of Land Management.

1 “(D) Land administered and managed by the
2 Army Corps of Engineers.

3 “(E) Land administered and managed by the
4 Bureau of Reclamation.

5 “(F) Land administered and managed by the
6 Forest Service.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
8 for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item
9 relating to section 926C the following:

 “926D. Reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.”.

10 (c) SEVERABILITY.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
11 vision of this Act, if any provision of this section, or any
12 amendment made by this section, or the application of
13 such provision or amendment to any person or circum-
14 stance is held to be unconstitutional, this section and
15 amendments made by this section and the application of
16 such provision or amendment to other persons or cir-
17 cumstances shall not be affected thereby.

18 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 this section shall take effect 90 days after the date of the
20 enactment of this Act.

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