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The Honorable Jason S. Miyares
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202 North Ninth Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear General Miyares:

I am forwarding correspondence received from the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General regarding the proposed execution of a Memorandum of Agreement relating to Concealed Handgun Permit (CHCP) Reciprocity between our two Commonwealths. As you are aware, since July 1, 2016, the Commonwealth of Virginia has recognized ALL out of state concealed handgun carry permits subject to the following requirements:

- the holder of such permit or license must be at least 21 years of age
- the permit or license holder must carry on their person the permit and a photo identification issued by a government agency of any state or by the U.S. Department of Defense or U.S. Department of State,
- the holder must display the permit or license and such identification upon demand by a law-enforcement officer,
- the permit or license holder has not previously had a Virginia concealed handgun permit revoked, and
- while in Virginia the permit or license covers handguns only and no other weapons.

The recognition of permits as limited above is automatic whether Pennsylvania recognizes Virginia permits or not. Thus, the execution of an agreement with Pennsylvania would serve to expand the rights of Virginia citizens without granting any additional rights to the citizens of Pennsylvania.

Pursuant to § 18.2-308.014(A) of the Code of Virginia, the authority to enter into such agreements is reserved for your office.

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If you have any further questions regarding reciprocity, please contact Lieutenant Thomas Lambert at 804 674-2212 or tom.lambert@vsp.virginia.gov. I look forward to our continued working relationship in matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tom Lambert', written over a horizontal line.

Superintendent

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

and

The Commonwealth of Virginia

Concerning Handgun License Reciprocity for Concealed Carry

This Reciprocity Agreement is intended to supersede any prior Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Commonwealth of Virginia relating to handgun license reciprocity.

WHEREAS the purpose of this Reciprocity Agreement is to extend reciprocal concealed firearm carry permit/license privileges to the residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has the authority to issue a License to Carry a Firearm concealed on the person or in a vehicle pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 6109; and

WHEREAS the Commonwealth of Virginia has the authority to issue a Concealed Handgun License pursuant to Title 18.2, Chapter 7, Article 6.1 (§§ 18.2-307.1 Et sec.) of the *Code of Virginia*; and

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

WHEREAS the Commonwealth of Virginia recognizes the licenses of any other state under conditions satisfied by the licensing process in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, *see* 18 Pa.C.S. § 6109(b) (age of licensee), (l) (availability of verification 24 hours a day, 7 days a week); and

WHEREAS the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is authorized, pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 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 Virginia is authorized, pursuant to § 18.2-308.014(A) of the *Code of Virginia*, 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 Commonwealth of Virginia meets the requirements for reciprocity with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

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

WHEREAS handgun license reciprocity between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Commonwealth of 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 License issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia to legal residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and
2. The Commonwealth of Virginia shall consider holders of a valid Concealed Handgun License issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who are Pennsylvania residents to be concealed handgun permittees in Virginia as required by § 18.2-308.014 of the Code of Virginia; 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 Commonwealth of Virginia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall 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.
5. This Reciprocity Agreement shall become effective on the date of the final signature and shall continue 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.



Jason S. Miyares
Attorney General
Commonwealth of Virginia

DATE: 6/9/25



David W. Sunday, Jr.
Attorney General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

DATE: 6/9/25