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Texas Establishes Concealed Handgun License Reciprocity With Kentucky

Texas has signed a reciprocal agreement with Kentucky, allowing citizens with concealed handgun licenses issued by Kentucky to legally carry concealed handguns in Texas, and vice versa.

Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, signed the reciprocity agreement with the State of Kentucky through which its licensees can visit Texas with their concealed handguns.

"This agreement will allow licensed Texans to travel freely in Kentucky, while enjoying the same or similar privileges their licenses give them at home," Davis said.

This reciprocity agreement--the seventh Texas has reached with another state--was made possible by 1997 changes to the state's concealed handgun law. Texas also has reciprocity agreements with Arkansas, Louisiana, Arizona, Florida, Tennessee and Oklahoma.

"Texans should remember that weapons laws vary from state to state, and before traveling, license holders should educate themselves about laws in other states that govern where and when they can legally carry their concealed handguns," Davis said.