

RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT
between
The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
and
The State of Texas

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

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; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas authorizes individuals, with a license issued under Subchapter H, Chapter 411 of the Texas Government Code (the “TX License”), to carry a concealed handgun; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is authorized by 18 Pa.C.S. § 6109(k) to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states providing for the mutual recognition of licenses to carry a firearm; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas is authorized by Texas Government Code § 411.173(b) to enter into such reciprocity agreements with other states, provided that the Texas Attorney General determine that a background check of each applicant for a license issued by the other state is initiated by state or local authorities or an agent of the state or local authorities before the license is issued; and


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

WHEREAS, the Texas Attorney General has determined that a background check of each applicant for a license issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is initiated by state or local authorities or an agent of the state or local authorities before the license is issued;

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 TX Licenses issued to legal residents of the State of Texas who are 21 years of age or older. The rights and privileges of TX 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 Texas 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 TX License holders under Texas law.
4. This Reciprocity Agreement applies only to the carrying of concealed handguns and not to any other types of weapons.
5. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of Texas 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 by mutual written consent or terminated by either Party.
8. This Reciprocity Agreement may be terminated by either Party upon thirty (30) calendar days' written notice.
9. TX License holders carrying a concealed handgun 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 handgun in the State of Texas under this Reciprocity Agreement shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Texas.
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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Governor
State of Texas

Date