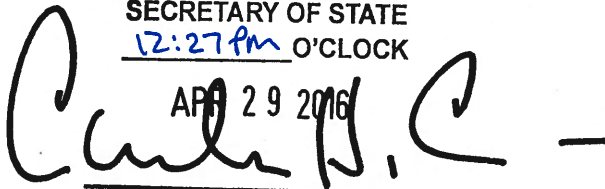




GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

April 29, 2016

The Honorable Carlos Cascos
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

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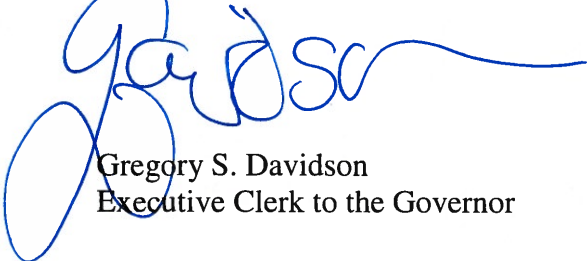
Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation stating that the State of Texas shall give full faith and credit to a valid license to carry a handgun issued by the State of Illinois as long as Illinois permit holders comply with all laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Texas governing the carrying of handguns, including age restrictions and types of weapons permitted.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "GSD", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, Section 411.173(b) of the Government Code of the State of Texas directs that the governor shall negotiate an agreement with any other state that provides for the issuance of a license to carry a handgun under which a license issued by the other state is recognized in this state, or shall issue a proclamation that a license issued by the other state is recognized in this state, if the attorney general of the State of Texas determines that a background check of each applicant for a license issued by that state is initiated by state or local authorities or an agent of the state or local authorities before the license is issued; and

WHEREAS, Section 411.173(b) of the Government Code defines “background check” as a search of the National Crime Information Center database and the Interstate Identification Index maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, the governor has received a statement of finding from the attorney general that the State of Illinois performs background checks and that those checks meet the requirements of Section 411.173(b) of the Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is therefore authorized to recognize a valid license to carry a handgun from the State of Illinois;

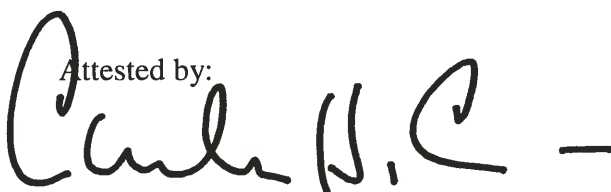
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim that the State of Texas shall give full faith and credit to a valid license to carry a handgun issued by the State of Illinois as long as Illinois permit holders comply with all laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Texas governing the carrying of handguns, including age restrictions and types of weapons permitted.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 29th day of April, 2016.



GREG ABBOTT
Governor

Attested by:


Carlos Cascos
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