



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY  
GOVERNOR

November 18, 2005

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
4:10 pm O'CLOCK

The Honorable Roger Williams  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

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*Roger Williams*  
Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as the chief executive officer and governor of the State of Texas, Rick Perry has issued the following:

A proclamation granting full faith and credit to valid concealed weapon permits issued by the State of Massachusetts.

The official copy of this order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gregory S. Davidson*  
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Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

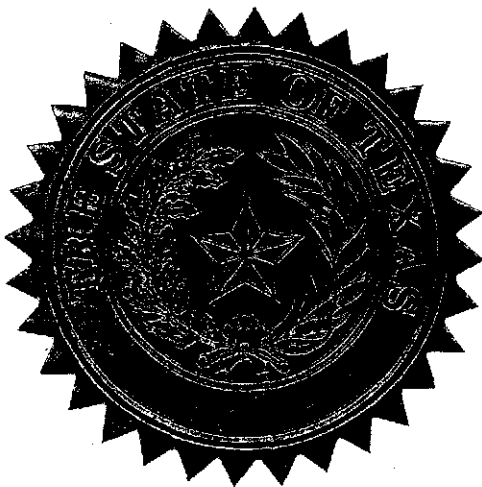
WHEREAS, Section 411.173(b) of the Government Code of the State of Texas directs that the governor shall negotiate an agreement with any other state that provides for the issuance of a license to carry a concealed handgun under which a license issued by the other state is recognized in this state, or 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 of the State of Texas 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 Massachusetts performs background checks pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. ch. 140, § 131 and that those checks meet the requirements of Tex. Gov't Code § 411.173(b); and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim that the State of Texas shall give full faith and credit to a valid license to carry a firearm issued by the State of Massachusetts as long as Massachusetts permit holders comply with all laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Texas governing concealed carry, 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 18th day of November, 2005.

*Rick Perry*  
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RICK PERRY  
Governor

Attested by:

*Roger Williams*  
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ROGER WILLIAMS  
Secretary of State

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