

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

The State of Texas

and

The State of North Carolina

concerning Concealed Handgun Permit Reciprocity

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has the authority to issue a Concealed Handgun License pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code § 411, Subchapter H; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has the authority to issue a Concealed Handgun License pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14, Article 54B; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is authorized to recognize the validity of a nonresident Concealed Handgun License if the Texas Attorney General determines that a background check of each applicant for a license issued by the other state is conducted by state or local authorities, or agent thereof, before the license is issued to determine the applicants' eligibility to possess a firearm under the Federal Gun Control Act (18 U.S.C. § 922); and

WHEREAS, the Texas Attorney General has made such affirmative determination with respect to the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is therefore authorized to recognize the validity of North Carolina Concealed Handgun Licenses pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code § 411.173 (b); and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is authorized to recognize the validity of a nonresident Concealed Handgun License from a state which recognizes the validity of North Carolina Concealed Handgun Licenses pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-415.24 (a); and

WHEREAS, Concealed Handgun License reciprocity between Texas and North Carolina is thus supported by the laws of both states;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. The State of Texas shall give full faith and credit to valid Concealed Handgun Licenses issued by the State of North Carolina; and
2. Given the preceding recognition by the State of Texas, the State of North

Carolina shall give full faith and credit to valid Concealed Handgun Licenses issued by the State of Texas.

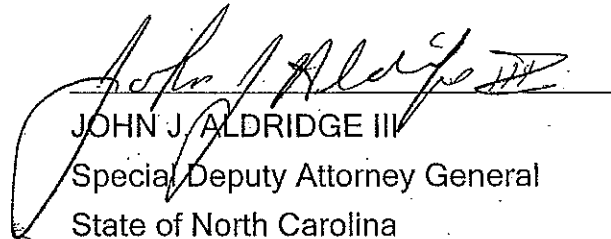
3. The state of Texas and the State of North Carolina will inform each other of any changes to their respective concealed carry weapons statutes that may affect the eligibility of the recognition granted by each state.

This Memorandum of Agreement applies only to the carrying of handguns by valid license holders from the respective state and not to any other types of weapons. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "handgun" means any firearm with a short stock that is designed, made, or adapted to be fired with a single hand.

This Memorandum of Agreement becomes effective on the date of the final signature and shall continue in effect 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.



RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

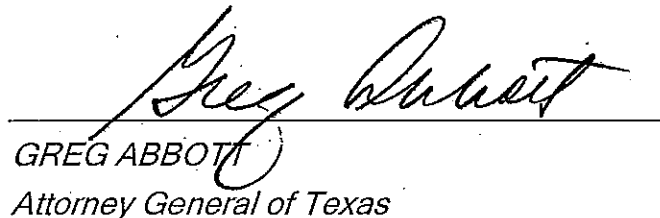


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State of North Carolina

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I hereby certify that a background check of each applicant for a license issued by the State of North Carolina is conducted by North Carolina or its local authorities, or an agent of the State of North Carolina or its local authorities, before the license is issued to determine the applicants' eligibility to possess a firearm under federal law.



GREG ABBOTT
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