

# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

The State of Texas

and

The Commonwealth of Virginia

concerning Concealed Handgun License 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 Commonwealth of Virginia has the authority to issue a Concealed Handgun Permit pursuant to Va. Code. Ann. § 18.2-308, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is authorized to recognize the validity of a nonresident concealed handgun license if the Texas Attorney General determines, with respect to the other state, that a background check through the FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database and the FBI Interstate Identification Index (III) database is initiated by state or local authorities, or agent thereof, on each applicant before the license is issued; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Attorney General has made such affirmative determination with respect to the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

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

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia is authorized, pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 18.2-308P, to recognize a valid concealed handgun license issued by another state, provided (1) the issuing authority provides the means for instantaneous verification of the validity of all such licenses, accessible 24 hours a day; and (2) except for the age of the license holder and the type of weapon authorized to be carried, the requirements and qualifications of that state's law are adequate to prevent possession of a license by persons who would be denied a permit in the Commonwealth; and

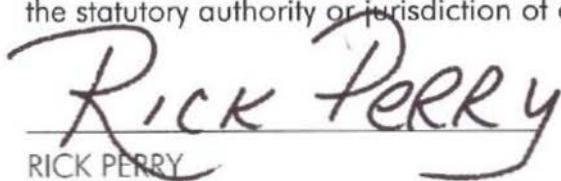
WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has determined that the State of Texas meets its reciprocity eligibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, Concealed Handgun License reciprocity between Texas and Virginia 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 a valid Concealed Handgun Permit issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia; and
2. The Commonwealth of Virginia shall give full faith and credit to a valid Concealed Handgun License issued by the State of Texas; and
3. Persons carrying a concealed firearm pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement shall comply with all applicable concealed carry laws, rules and regulations of the respective states, including, but not limited to, age requirements and restrictions regarding the type of firearms that may be carried; and
4. The State of Texas and the Commonwealth of Virginia will inform each other of any changes to their respective weapons statutes that may affect the eligibility of the recognition granted by each state pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement.

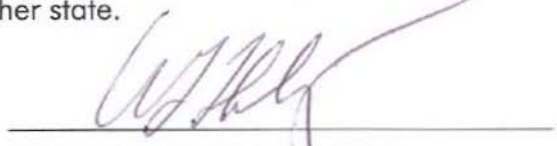
This Memorandum of Agreement becomes effective on the date of the final signature and shall continue in effect unless modified by mutual written consent, or terminated by either state upon thirty (30) days' written notice. This document is not intended to limit or restrict the statutory authority or jurisdiction of either state.

  
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RICK PERRY

Governor of Texas

DATE 9/01/05

  
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COL. W. STEVEN FLAHERTY

Superintendent, Virginia State Police

DATE 9/7/05

I hereby certify that a background check through the FBI National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database and the FBI Interstate Identification Index (III) database is initiated by the Commonwealth of Virginia on each applicant by state or local authorities, or agent thereof, before the license is issued.

  
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GREG ABBOTT

Attorney General of Texas