

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 114

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Urges Congress and US President to enact “Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** respectfully urging Congress and the
2 President of the United States to enact the “Concealed Carry
3 Reciprocity Act.”

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5 **WHEREAS**, There exists a public interest in individuals maintaining the
6 ability to protect themselves and their families from violence; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The right to keep and bear arms is enshrined in the Second
8 Amendment of the United States Constitution and recognized by
9 the Supreme Court of the United States; and

10 **WHEREAS**, The ability of law-abiding citizens to legally carry
11 concealed firearms to defend themselves is a fundamental right; and

12 **WHEREAS**, It is in the best interest of our nation that citizens be able to
13 travel freely from state to state without sacrificing the right to
14 protect themselves and their families; and

15 **WHEREAS**, States currently may decline to recognize permits to carry
16 concealed firearms issued by other states, thereby causing our
17 citizens to forego the ability to protect themselves and their families
18 when traveling outside of their home states; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Requiring all states to recognize a concealed carry permit
20 issued by another state would rectify this inequality; and

21 **WHEREAS**, H.R. 38 of the 2021-2022 session, the “Concealed Carry
22 Reciprocity Act,” has been re-introduced in the United States
23 Congress in an effort to protect our citizens’ Second Amendment
24 rights by allowing them to travel between states without sacrificing
25 the ability to protect themselves and their families; and

26 **WHEREAS**, H.R. 38 permits a person carrying a valid identification
27 document containing a photograph of the person and a state
28 concealed weapons permit to carry a concealed handgun in any
29 state, so long as the individual is not prohibited from possessing a
30 firearm under federal law or from carrying a concealed firearm in
31 the individual’s state of residence; and

32 **WHEREAS**, Currently, 20 states recognize all United States issued
33 concealed carry permits and 18 additional states honor select states’
34 concealed carry permits; and

35 **WHEREAS**, Enactment of the “Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act” will
36 enhance citizens’ Second Amendment rights by permitting
37 reciprocity among all the states for the carrying of concealed
38 firearms; now, therefore,

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40 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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42 1. This House respectfully urges Congress and the President of
43 the United States to enact H.R. 38, the “Concealed Carry
44 Reciprocity Act.”

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46 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
47 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President
48 of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leader of the

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1 United States Senate, the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the
2 United States House of Representatives, and each member of
3 Congress elected from this State.

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STATEMENT

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8 This resolution urges Congress and the President of the United
9 States to enact the “Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act”, which is
10 pending before the House of Representatives as H.R.38.

11 H.R. 38 authorizes a person possessing a valid identification
12 document containing the person’s photograph to carry a concealed
13 handgun, other than a machine gun or destructive device, in any
14 state, so long as the individual is not prohibited from possessing a
15 firearm under federal law or from carrying a concealed firearm in
16 the individual’s state of residence. This legislation also requires the
17 person to first obtain a permit to carry a concealed firearm before
18 traveling with a firearm into other states, and respects states’ rights
19 by requiring the traveler to comply with restrictions of the state to
20 which the individual is traveling when present in that state. States
21 may currently decline to recognize concealed carry permits lawfully
22 issued in other states, leaving citizens traveling in those states
23 without the ability to protect themselves and their families.

24 The resolution urges Congress and the President to move forward
25 with the enactment of H.R. 38 to: 1) safeguard our citizens’
26 constitutionally protected Second Amendment rights, and 2) allow
27 our citizens to engage in interstate travel without fear of sacrificing
28 their Second Amendment rights or the ability to protect themselves
29 and their families.