



“National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011” (H.R. 822): Fact Sheet

The “**Packing Heat On Your Street**” bill aka the “National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011” (H.R. 822) **overrides state laws** and requires states to allow out-of-state residents to carry loaded, hidden weapons in public even if they have not met basic licensing or training requirements mandated for carrying in that state. The law tramples federalism and endangers public safety by forcing states to allow the carrying of concealed firearms by out-of-state residents who have not met **minimum safety and competence training required for in-state residents to carry concealed weapons**.

HR 822 Undermines State Laws: The legislation overrides state laws by mandating that states allow the carrying of loaded, concealed weapons by anyone permitted to carry concealed weapons in another state. It undermines state concealed carry licensing systems by allowing out-of-state visitors to carry concealed firearms **even if those visitors have not met the standards for carrying a concealed weapon** in the state they are visiting. In effect, the bill would reduce all states to the “lowest common denominator” of concealed carry laws.

For example, some states require a person to show that they know how to use a firearm or meet minimum training standards before obtaining a concealed carry license. These states would be forced to allow out-of-state visitors to carry concealed weapons even if they do not meet that state’s concealed licensing standards concerning basic gun safety or training requirements.

More Loaded Guns in Public Likely Means More, Not Less, Crime: The legislation forces states to allow concealed carrying by untrained, out-of-state visitors even though studies have repeatedly shown that laws allowing the carrying of concealed firearms have not reduced crime and, if anything, have increased violent crime, including murder and robbery. People licensed to carry concealed weapons have shot and killed more than 300 people, including nearly a dozen police officers, in just the last four years (Violence Policy Center, *Concealed Carry Killers*, available at <http://www.vpc.org/ccwkillers.htm>).

Permitting Systems Fail to Screen Out Dangerous People: The legislation forces states to allow concealed carrying based on out of state permits even though state concealed carry licensing systems have endangered public safety by providing licenses to **dangerous people who commit violent acts with their firearms**.

Surveys of concealed carry licensees have found that many have been arrested for crimes after they were granted a license. In addition, license holders have received licenses without proper background checks or training. For example, Utah granted licenses to thousands of non-residents, including citizens of foreign countries, and many received licenses without any background checks or proof of adequate firearms training.