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Encouraging Congress to pass the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act or a similar bill.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court has a history of protecting the right of individual citizens to bear arms as provided in the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), the United States Supreme Court held that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home; and

WHEREAS art. I, sec. 19, of the Constitution of the State of Alaska provides that "[t]he individual right to keep and bear arms shall not be denied or infringed by the State or a political subdivision of the State"; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature supports police, troopers, and other law enforcement officials; and

WHEREAS, where it is legal to do so, a person who may legally possess a concealed firearm may carry a concealed firearm in the state without a concealed carry permit; and

WHEREAS the state issues permits to carry a concealed handgun as provided in AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790; and

WHEREAS art. IV, sec. 1, of the Constitution of the United States provides that every state shall give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings and records of every other state and that Congress may determine how those records will be proved and the effect of those records; and

WHEREAS, under art. IV, sec. 1, Constitution of the United States, states provide reciprocity for legally issued driver's licenses from other states; and

WHEREAS states that issue concealed carry permits restrict eligibility to persons who are eligible under federal and state laws to legally possess a firearm; and

WHEREAS states that issue concealed carry permits require the applicant to complete a handgun competency course and display the applicant's ability and knowledge of related responsibilities to legally operate a firearm; and

WHEREAS states that issue concealed carry permits require applicants to submit fingerprints and pass a criminal background check; and

WHEREAS 38 states currently recognize valid Alaska concealed handgun permits;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the United States Congress pass legislation that determines the manner in which a concealed carry permit issued by one state may be proven in another state, so that an individual in possession of a valid permit may lawfully carry a concealed firearm in another state in the same manner, and to the same degree, that an individual in possession of a valid concealed carry permit from that other state may legally do so; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the United States Congress to pass a bill that accomplishes this, such as the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (H.R. 38) from the 118th Congress or a similar bill; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the President of the United States sign into law legislation passed by Congress that accomplishes this, such as the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (H.R. 38) from the 118th Congress or a similar bill.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States; the Honorable Kamala D. Harris, Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Mary Peltola, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.