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Darrell V. McGraw, Jr., Attorney General  
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Dear General McGraw:

This is in reply to your recent letter inviting Michigan to enter into a reciprocity agreement for the recognition of concealed pistol licenses with the State of West Virginia. Michigan enacted its "shall-issue" concealed pistol statute in 2000. Section 12a(f) of that law, MCL 28.432a(f), expressly recognizes that residents of other states who are duly licensed by their resident state may also carry in Michigan, in accordance with Michigan law. Since the enactment of Public Act 381 in 2000, I have been actively seeking reciprocity with other states, so that Michigan licensees would enjoy the same privilege that Michigan accords residents of other states. To date, 33 other states allow Michigan licensees to carry in their states, subject to the laws of that state.

I know that my office has been working on securing a reciprocity agreement with West Virginia for several years. We were most pleased to see the recent legislation (H.B. 3074) enacted, which brings the prospect of reciprocity between our states much closer. Your new law allows us to enter into a reciprocity agreement if Michigan recognizes licenses issued to residents of your state and if Michigan's issuing standards are equal to or greater than those of West Virginia. I believe that Michigan meets all requirements needed to achieve reciprocity and we look forward to entering into an agreement with West Virginia.

Please feel free to contact me or Assistant Attorney General Robert Ianni, at 517-335-4810, [iannib@michigan.gov](mailto:iannib@michigan.gov), if you need any assistance or have any questions relating concealed pistol reciprocity between our fine states.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Cox".

Mike Cox  
Attorney General