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Re: Recognition of State Concealed Handgun Permits

Dear Colonel Tuma;

The Nebraska Attorney General's Office, pursuant to LB 430 which was signed into law by the Governor on May 19, 2009 with an effective date of August 30, 2009, has completed a review of all concealed handgun permit laws for the fifty states and the District of Columbia. That statute requires this office to "publish a list of such states and the District of Columbia which [they] . . . has determined have standards equal to or greater than the standards imposed by the act."

In making the determination required under LB 430 we note that no two states have identical or even substantially similar language or requirements in their respective statutes. Likewise, LB 430 implies a balancing or weighting process in determining what is equal to or greater than the requirements of Nebraska's concealed handgun permit statute.

Based on our analysis, the following states have standards equal to or greater than the standards contained in Nebraska's statute.

Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Hawaii, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota (class one permit), **Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming** and the **District of Columbia.**

The following states have standards equal to or greater than the standards contained in Nebraska's statute but only to the extent the permit holder in that state is twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

California, Iowa, Maine, Montana, North Dakota (class 2 permit) and **Texas.**

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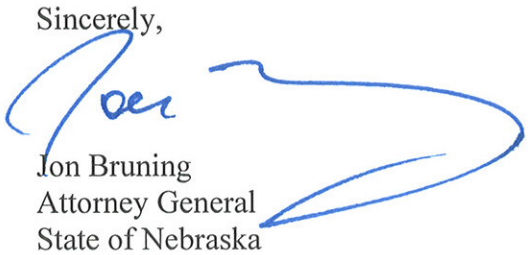
The following states at this time do not have standards that are equal to or greater than the standards contained in Nebraska's statute.

Alabama, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and **Washington**.

Finally, neither Illinois nor Wisconsin allows the carrying of concealed handguns within their states. The State of Vermont does allow the carrying of concealed firearms within its border; but, it does not require a permit to do so. As a result, there is no permit to recognize.

We will publish this list on our website. We intend to review this list annually to determine if changes have been made to the concealed handgun permit requirements in any of the states.

Sincerely,



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