



What **Federally Mandated Concealed Carry Reciprocity** would mean for **Nevada**

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill are debating a bill that would force each state to recognize the concealed carry laws of every other state.

Currently, states have the right to choose which states' concealed carry permits they recognize, which is important because the requirements to carry hidden, loaded guns in public vary drastically from state to state. If the concealed carry reciprocity bill passes, that will no longer be the case, and **Nevada will be forced to allow unlicensed, unvetted people from out of state to carry concealed guns in public places.**

As of today, 12 states, including Nevada's neighbors Idaho and Arizona, do **not** require any permit or training to carry hidden, loaded guns in public. If this bill becomes federal law, almost any person from these states would be **automatically authorized** to carry concealed in Nevada, regardless of whether that person meets Nevada's standards for what it takes to carry a concealed gun in public.

National concealed carry reciprocity would significantly undermine Nevada's laws. Like many states, Nevada has been very careful and deliberate about which other states' concealed handgun permits it recognizes. Nevada will recognize concealed

handgun permits issued by another state only if the state:

- ✓ Requires an applicant to complete a firearms safety training;
- ✓ Has an electronic database that identifies each individual who possesses a valid permit issued by that state, and that Nevada law enforcement officers may access at all times.

Federally mandated concealed carry reciprocity would override these requirements. In fact, the Nevada Department of Public Safety has found that 20 states do not meet these requirements, and as a result, Nevada does not recognize permits from those states. For example, Nevada does not recognize concealed carry permits from the state of Colorado, which enacted a law in 2011 prohibiting the creation of a statewide database of permit holders, making it difficult for law enforcement officers across the country to verify the validity of a Colorado permit.

If the concealed carry reciprocity bill passes, **Nevada would be federally mandated to recognize permits from states that issue permits to individuals with no experience or training regarding firearms**, as well as permits from states that provide no way to verify the validity of these permits. **This would make Nevada less safe and put law enforcement at risk.**

REQUIREMENTS TO CARRY CONCEALED IN...

	NEVADA	WASHINGTON
Must complete safety training?	✓ An applicant must complete a firearms safety course approved by the sheriff that includes instruction in the use of handguns and in Nevada laws relating to the use of a firearm.	✗ Washington does NOT require training, instruction or evaluation for firearms competence.
Must NOT have a criminal record?	✓ An applicant must not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving the use or threatened use of force or violence within the preceding three years.	✗ Will issue a permit to an applicant who has been convicted of a misdemeanor violent crime, unless it was against a family or household member.
Must NOT have a history of substance abuse?	✓ An applicant cannot have been convicted of a misdemeanor offense of driving while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance in the past five years.	✗ Will issue a license without regard for misdemeanor convictions related to alcohol or controlled substances.