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## Patriots Push For National Reciprocity

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill want to make it easier for legal gun holders to carry weapons from one state to another. If passed, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act would expand recognition of concealed carry permits and licenses nationwide, according to a report on *yourerie.com*.

Patriots and other supporters say it would improve interstate travel for gun owners. But opponents—some of whom employ costly armed bodyguards to protect themselves and their family—say it's a "dangerous move." But opponents of national reciprocity can't really offer up a good example of why it's dangerous to allow law-abiding citizens to exercise their Constitutional rights.

"Law-abiding gun owners with concealed carry permits should be able to travel with their handguns and without restrictions," says Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee who recently signed on as a co-sponsor of H.R. 38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, which was introduced by Congressman Richard Hudson (R-NC).

He says current laws make it tough for a legal gun owner to travel across state lines. "Right now, for example, if you wanted to go from Virginia to Pennsylvania, you'd have to go all the way around," he says, according

to the article." You'd have to drive all the way around Maryland to get to Pennsylvania."

That's because Maryland restricts concealed carry permits so only certain people can carry. But, if the Reciprocity Act passes, it would allow qualified gun owners from other states to bring concealed firearms to places like Maryland.

Radicals who do not support the Constitution disagree. They whine about some states supposedly having "lower standards," like different safety requirements, and they don't want those gun owners in states with tougher rules (in reality, they want the elite to be able to protect their families, while taking that basic right away from ordinary Americans).

Taylor Maxwell represents the radical anti-Second Amendment group called 'Moms Demand Action,' which is against the bill. "It takes away states' rights to control who can carry a hidden loaded gun in their state," Maxwell moans, according to the *yourerie.com* article.

But patriots and other gun rights advocates see the Reciprocity Act as a way to protect constitutional rights.

<http://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/should-lawmakers-make-it-easier-to-conceal-and-carry-from-state-to-state/813771031>



[www.2A-LVTP.org](http://www.2A-LVTP.org)

## **Second Amendment Rights Come With Responsibilities, Warn Authorities**

South Strabane Township police are reminding gun buyers to carefully read gun permit applications before submitting them for review by state police.

“Any questions, ask,” said Detective Michael Schidlmeier, who recently filed charges against 14 people for allegedly falsely answering questions on their applications, reports *observer-reporter.com*. “Don’t take any advice from anyone other than an attorney.

Citizens should not file an application “unless you are 100 percent certain what you are answering,” he added.

Gun permit applications are run through the Pennsylvania Instant Check System to determine a person’s legal ability to obtain a license to carry firearms or obtain a firearm through a purchase or transfer, the article notes. The background check involves the search of various databases, including criminal history and juvenile records, mental health records and federal records. Although most people receive approval within minutes, the names of any applicants who are denied are forwarded to police for possible prosecution.

Schidlmeier filed charges of providing false information, unsworn falsification and making false statements against more than a dozen people. The charges will be sent by summons from the office of District Judge

Jay Weller, according to the *observer-reporter.com*.

Separately, a Pennsylvania sheriff is warning that a website promising to help local residents apply and pay for concealed-carry gun permits online is a scam, according to an article on *triblive.com*.

The fraudulent website is falsely claiming to help Pennsylvanians apply for a concealed carry permit — and charging fees for the

fake services, the Allegheny County Sheriff’s Office warned.

The website — *concealcarryservices.com*— asserts that it can assist with getting firearms licenses in Pennsylvania, as well as Florida, Louisiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, Chief Deputy Kevin Kraus said in a statement.

“Users are directed to select a state and complete an online form, which prompts them to supply personal information almost identical to what would be provided on an application for a Pennsylvania license to carry firearms,” Kraus said, according to the article.

But in fact, residents cannot apply for a firearms license online in Pennsylvania. Residents must visit the county office in the county they reside in order to apply for a concealed carry permit. Questions about the process can be directed to the sheriff’s office.



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Kraus warns that the state does not use any third parties in the application process, and he says the scam website has “bilked users out of varying amounts of money in the name of application fees by requiring credit card information. The highest amount so far has been \$37,” according to the *triblive.com* posting.

Kraus said information on the fraudulent site would lead one to believe the

application process “is a hassle and that it requires extensive time and work.” Be he emphasized that no research is required in order to apply for a firearms license.

[http://www.observer-reporter.com/20170918/south\\_strabane\\_police\\_remind\\_gun\\_buyers\\_to\\_carefully\\_read\\_permit\\_application](http://www.observer-reporter.com/20170918/south_strabane_police_remind_gun_buyers_to_carefully_read_permit_application)

<http://triblive.com/local/allegheeny/12763044-74/scam-website-targets-those-seeking-gun-permits>

## **Because A Cop’s Too Big To Fit In Your Pocket**

A 30-year-old thug was shot and killed as he forced his way inside a home just outside of Avis in central Pennsylvania, according to a report on *guns.com*.

The intruder allegedly lived in Jersey Shore, just a few miles from where the break-in and subsequent shooting occurred. He kicked in the door to a home just before 2:00 a.m. but was shot by a resident inside the home before the thug could harm anyone. Clinton County Coroner Zach Hanna pronounced the criminal dead at the scene, and authorities confirmed there was no on-going threat to the community.

A woman who lives next door said she heard the incident unfold and witnessed the aftermath from her home. “I heard a big bang. The dog started barking. I thought somebody kicked my door at first... it was

really loud,” the woman said, according to the report. “I got up and went out and looked, and pretty soon I saw police cars over there.”

Police say the resident who shot the criminal is cooperating with the investigation and is not facing charges at this time. According to the local newspaper, Centre Daily Times, the thug has a criminal history consisting of misdemeanors, including multiple charges of disorderly conduct for fighting, simple assault, and harassment. Without elaborating, neighbors said the would-be assailant “has a reputation.”

<http://www.guns.com/2017/09/15/man-fatally-shot-after-breaking-into-pennsylvania-home/>



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