**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 23‑31‑215, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS THIS STATE TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO CARRY A WEAPON IN THIS STATE TO A NONRESIDENT.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 23‑31‑215(N) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(N)(1) ~~Valid out‑of‑state permits to carry concealable weapons held by a resident of a reciprocal state must be honored by this State, provided, that the reciprocal state requires an applicant to successfully pass a criminal background check and a course in firearm training and safety. A resident of a reciprocal state carrying a concealable weapon in South Carolina is subject to and must abide by the laws of South Carolina regarding concealable weapons. SLED shall maintain and publish a list of those states as the states with which South Carolina has reciprocity~~ A valid permit or license to carry a concealable weapon, firearm, or handgun held by a resident of another state shall be honored by this State, provided that the person is a resident of the issuing state.

(2) Notwithstanding ~~the reciprocity requirements of~~ item (1), South Carolina shall automatically recognize concealed weapon permits issued by Georgia and North Carolina.

(3) A resident of a state this is a ‘permitless‑carry state’, who meets the requirements for permitless carry in that state, is authorized to carry in this State provided that at all times in which the person is carrying a handgun, the person is in possession of proper identification by a valid photo identification as proof that he is a legal resident of a ‘permitless‑carry state’. A ‘permitless‑carry state’ means a state that does not prohibit the carrying of a concealed firearm on a person without a permit or license, if the resident is otherwise of age and not legally prohibited from possessing a firearm.

(4) The reciprocity provisions of this section shall not be construed to authorize ~~the holder of any out‑of‑state permit or license~~ a person to carry, in this State, any firearm or weapon other than a handgun. A person carrying a gun in this State pursuant to this section is subject to and must abide by the laws of South Carolina regarding concealable weapons.

(5) The Attorney General shall enter into a written agreement with another state if that state requires a written agreement in order to recognize permits to carry concealable weapons issued by this State. The State Law Enforcement Division periodically shall make available to the public a list of sates which recognize permits issued by this State.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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