



*The “National Right to Carry” act may be heard in the House next week. Many people feel this is another level of “control through legislation” and many believe it will be a statement that 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights to defend yourself is alive and well by requiring states to recognize other states concealed handgun licenses the same as they do driver’s licenses.*

*Think it would be great to not have to worry when crossing a state line whether I can carry in that state, but the implications of having to carry under that state’s laws brings it own set of problems, especially if they do not have a carry law we can look to when carrying in their states. Also many states have carry laws that are nothing like our laws – so think could look good on the books but not bring a great deal of merit as to the individual carrier.*

*In many states you must notify the authority that stops you that you have a gun in the vehicle “as soon as you can” when he walks up to the vehicle, in Oklahoma you can’t carry a higher caliber than a .45, and on an on of differences in each state so if we have the right to carry in a state that doesn’t have carry laws what kind of problems could that bring.*

*The House bill, known as HR 822, has led both sides in the debate about the nation's gun laws to flip the arguments they usually use. Traditionally, those favoring expanded access to guns have argued the issue is best handled by the states while opponents have looked to the federal government to restrict access to weapons. In this matter gun violence opponents are arguing that "Each state is a different place and there is supposed to be some level of autonomy at the state level to decide what public safety policy is going to be. This tramples all over that." Others argue that federal intervention is necessary so federal law can make your carry permit good everywhere you go just like your driver’s license.*

**You can see the text of the law at -**

**<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/LegislativeData.php?&n=BillText>**

**Alice Tripp of the Texas State Rifle Association says –**

Contrary to email alerts from the usual group of nay-sayers, **HR 822** dealing with National Reciprocity for those with a state-issued concealed handgun license is a very good bill.

John Snyder with [www.gunrightspolicies.org](http://www.gunrightspolicies.org) calls **HR 822** an "idea whose time has come". He offers the state-issued drivers license as an example of how the bill works. States will continue to have full control over their laws and the issuance of their license. Only travel between states will be improved.

**HR 822** would not create a federal licensing system and would not interject the federal government into the states' laws regarding where a licensee could or could not carry.

**HR 822** will increase licensees' mobility and serves to by-pass the legalese and minor tweaks that currently prevent further reciprocal agreements between states.

Opposition to **HR 822** comes from the usual ideological groups; none armed with facts, all with "feelings". The gun rights movement continues to be on the rise as the desire for personal safety options increases.

Other opposition comes from small but noisy groups far from the congressional arena.

Texas currently has over a half-million concealed handgun licensees and the figure continues to grow. We are a mobile population wanting safety as we travel in Texas and in other states.

NRA-supported **HR 822** should hit the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives for a floor-vote this week and is expected to pass. It could make the U.S. Senate early in 2012.

***Read where a Gallup poll says 26% of the populace wants to ban ownership of guns in the US. Compared to a Gallup poll in 1950 which showed 60% wanted to ban guns in the US, it appears the American people are getting educated about "Freedom". Hopefully we can continue to help people understand that it takes effort to remain a free nation.***

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