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Re: Weapons Carry Licenses Reciprocity

Dear Mr. Askins,

In response to your letter dated April 8, 2015 concerning weapons carry licenses reciprocity between Georgia and North Carolina, Georgia does currently recognize a North Carolina weapons permit for individuals that are not residents of the State of Georgia and will continue to do so as long as North Carolina recognizes Georgia's weapons permits. See O.C.G.A. § 16-11-126 (e) (attached for your convenience). However, once a person becomes a Georgia resident, he or she must apply for a Georgia permit in accordance with the procedures set up in O.C.G.A. § 16-11-129 (attached). This statute was amended last year, and the changes became effective July 1, 2014.

Please also note that House Bill 492 Sec. 6 (attached) makes numerous changes to O.C.G.A. § 16-11-129. This bill was passed by both houses at the 2014-2015 legislative session and is awaiting signature of the Governor. If signed by the Governor, it will be effective on July 1, 2015.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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RD (attachments)