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Mr. Adam H. Putnam, Commissioner
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Plaza Level 10, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0800

Re: Weapons Reciprocity Between Georgia and Florida

Dear Commissioner Putnam:

Our records indicate that the State of Georgia and the State of Florida currently recognize each other's weapons permits. Over the last few years, Georgia's weapons permit laws have changed. Most notably, Georgia allows certain individuals under the age of twenty-one to obtain a weapons permit. Please see O.C.G.A. § 16-11-129, which I have included with this letter.

This year, Georgia also amended its weapons reciprocity statute, which now reads:

Any person licensed to carry a weapon in any other state whose laws recognize and give effect to a license issued pursuant to this part shall be authorized to carry a weapon in this state, but only while the licensee is not a resident of this state; provided, however, that ... **No other state shall be required to recognize and give effect to a license issued pursuant to this part that is held by a person who is younger than 21 years of age.**

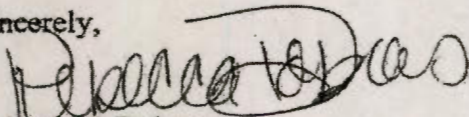
O.C.G.A. § 16-11-126 (e), also included with this letter.

Given these changes, we write to determine whether the State of Florida will continue reciprocity with Georgia and whether your state will recognize all Georgia weapons licenses or only those issued to individuals aged twenty-one years and older. If the State of Florida continues to recognize all Georgia permits or only those issued to individuals twenty-one and older, Georgia will likewise continue to recognize all permits issued in Florida.

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Please review the attached statutes and fill out and return the attached form in the self-addressed envelope. If possible, we would greatly appreciate a response by Friday, May 12, 2017. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca J. Dobras", written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca J. Dobras
Assistant Attorney General
Attachments