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February 6, 2012

Dr. [REDACTED] Bathke  
[REDACTED]

RE: Concealed handgun permit inquiry

Dear Mr. Bathke:

I am responding to your inquiry regarding concealed handgun carry laws in the State of Georgia. The State of Georgia is authorized, pursuant to Georgia Code § 16-11-126 (e), to recognize a valid license from a state whose laws recognize and give effect within such state to a license issued under Georgia Code § 16-11-129. Minnesota is not one of those states.

The State of Georgia has the authority to issue a License to Carry a Pistol or Revolver pursuant to Georgia Code § 16-11-129, which allows a license holder to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to Georgia Code § 16-11-126 (c). Our laws can be found in the Georgia Code, §§16-11-125.1-16-11-129.

I sincerely hope this letter is of some guidance. Let us know if we can be of assistance on any other matters within the jurisdiction of this office.

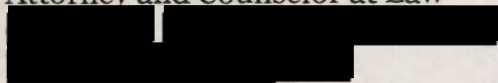
Sincerely,

KARLA B. DOLBY  
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February 5, 2008

Mr. Michael T. Wilson  
Attorney and Counselor at Law



RE: Concealed handgun permit question

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am responding to your inquiry regarding concealed handgun carry laws in the State of Georgia. The State of Georgia is authorized, pursuant to Georgia Code § 16-11-126 (e), to recognize a valid license from a state whose laws recognize and give effect within such state to a license issued under Georgia Code § 16-11-129.

The State of Georgia has the authority to issue a License to Carry a Pistol or Revolver pursuant to Georgia Code § 16-11-129, which allows a license holder to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to Georgia Code § 16-11-126 (c).

Finally, I have enclosed a copy of the statutory requirements for carrying a concealed weapon in Georgia along with the statute that acknowledges reciprocity for your review. I have also attached a list of States that share reciprocity with the State of Georgia. I hope this provides some guidance.

Sincerely,

KARLA B. DOLBY  
Assistant Attorney General



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November 30, 2007

Mr. [REDACTED] Harris  
[REDACTED]

RE: Concealed handgun carry reciprocity agreement between Georgia  
and Arizona.

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am responding to your inquiry regarding concealed handgun carry laws in the State of Georgia. The State of Georgia is authorized, pursuant to Georgia Code § 16-11-126 (e), to recognize a valid license from a state whose laws recognize and give effect within such state to a license issued under Georgia Code § 16-11-129.

The State of Georgia has the authority to issue a License to Carry a Pistol or Revolver pursuant to Georgia Code § 16-11-129, which allows a license holder to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to Georgia Code § 16-11-126 (c). Georgia does require reciprocity agreements in order to give full faith and credit to valid Concealed Handgun Licenses issued by other states as long as the license holder is not a resident of the State of Georgia.

I have also enclosed a copy of the statutory requirements for carrying a concealed weapon in Georgia along with the statute that acknowledges reciprocity for your review. Please contact me if your office wishes to enter into an agreement with our office regarding concealed handgun carry permits.

Sincerely,

KARLA B. DOLBY  
Assistant Attorney General

**Stephanie Jackson**

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**From:** Charles [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 01, 2016 4:02 PM  
**To:** Joseph Drolet  
**Subject:** RE: Firearms Reciprocity

Thank you for your reply. Becky Dobras wrote me earlier today and informed me my permit would be accepted. She, as you, did advise me to familiarize myself with the Georgia laws, which I absolutely will do.

Charlie [REDACTED]

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**From:** [jdrolet@law.ga.gov](mailto:jdrolet@law.ga.gov)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Firearms Reciprocity  
**Date:** Mon, 1 Feb 2016 19:11:03 +0000

Georgia law in regard to weapons license reciprocity may be found at O.C.G.A. § 16-11-126(e). It is not clear whether the statute would apply to non-resident licenses.

**From:** Charles [REDACTED]  
**Date:** January 30, 2016 at 2:20:31 PM EST  
**To:** "[AGOlens@law.ga.gov](mailto:AGOlens@law.ga.gov)" <[agolens@law.ga.gov](mailto:agolens@law.ga.gov)>  
**Subject:** Firearms Reciprocity

AG Olens:

I have a question on firearms reciprocity. My home state of Delaware is not on your website reciprocity list.

I also have a Florida non-resident permit. Florida is on your reciprocity list. I will be traveling to Florida in

March, and plan to spend a day or two in Decatur, GA where my parents and grandparents are buried.

I would appreciate you confirmation as to whether or not my Florida non-resident concealed carry permit is

valid in Georgia before entering the state.

Thank you in advance for you reply and advice.

Charles [REDACTED]

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## Stephanie Jackson

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 14, 2015 4:32 PM  
**To:** Joseph Drolet  
**Subject:** RE: South Carolina - Reciprocity

Mr Drolet – I am familiar with that law; does not answer the question..

To rephrase my question:

“What is the AG doing towards negotiating a reciprocity agreement with South Carolina?”

Regards,  
Paul [REDACTED]

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**From:** Joseph Drolet [<mailto:jdrolet@law.ga.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2015 11:23 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: South Carolina - Reciprocity

The relevant provision of Georgia law in regard to weapons license reciprocity may be found at O.C.G.A. § 16-11-126(e).

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 11, 2015 at 9:45:49 PM EST  
**To:** <[AGOlens@law.ga.gov](mailto:AGOlens@law.ga.gov)>  
**Subject:** South Carolina - Reciprocity

Attorney General Olens –

I am a Georgia Weapons Carry License holder and frequently visit family in North Carolina. North Carolina of course recognizes the GWCL; but South Carolina, through which I have to pass, does not.

As a Georgia citizen I have no way to legally carry a firearm in South Carolina, since SC does not issue non-resident permits, and does not recognize non-resident permits of other states. In fact I have a non-resident permit from Virginia and while SC does recognize Virginia's resident permit, they do not recognize the non-resident version that I have even although the issuing requirements are identical.

What can be done to fix this situation?

Regards,  
Paul [REDACTED]



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