

HOUSE BILL NO. 24
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the House Committee on Public Safety
on _____)
(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Helmer)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-308.014 of the Code of Virginia, relating to concealed handgun permits; reciprocity with other states.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 18.2-308.014 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 18.2-308.014. Concealed handgun permits; reciprocity.

11 A. A valid concealed handgun or concealed weapon permit or license issued by another state shall
12 authorize the holder of such permit or license who is at least 21 years of age to carry a concealed handgun in
13 the Commonwealth, provided that (i) the issuing authority provides the means for instantaneous verification
14 of the validity of all such permits or licenses issued within that state, accessible 24 hours a day if available;
15 and (ii) the permit or license holder carries a photo identification issued by a government agency of any state
16 or by the U.S. Department of Defense or U.S. Department of State and displays the permit or license and such
17 identification upon demand by a law enforcement officer; and (iii) the permit or license holder has not
18 previously had a Virginia concealed handgun permit revoked except for the age of the permit or license
19 holder and the type of weapon authorized to be carried, the requirements and qualifications of that state's
20 law are adequate to prevent possession of a permit or license by persons who would be denied a permit in the
21 Commonwealth under this article. The Office of the Attorney General shall determine whether states meet the
22 requirements and qualifications of this subsection. The Superintendent of State Police shall enter into
23 agreements for reciprocal recognition with such other states that require an agreement to be in place before
24 such state will recognize a Virginia concealed handgun permit as valid in such state. The Attorney General
25 shall provide the Superintendent with any legal assistance or advice necessary for the Superintendent to
26 perform his duties set forth in this subsection. If the Superintendent determines that another state requires that
27 an agreement for reciprocal recognition be executed by the Attorney General or otherwise formally approved
28 by the Attorney General as a condition of such other state's entering into an agreement for reciprocal
29 recognition, the Attorney General shall (a) execute such agreement or otherwise formally approve such
30 agreement and (b) return to the Superintendent the executed agreement or, in a form deemed acceptable by
31 such other state, documentation of his formal approval of such agreement within 30 days after the
32 Superintendent notifies the Attorney General, in writing, that he is required to execute or otherwise formally

33 approve such agreement (a) maintain a registry of such states on the Virginia Criminal Information Network
34 (VCIN) and (b) make the registry available to law-enforcement officers for investigative purposes. The
35 Superintendent of State Police, in consultation with the Attorney General, may also enter into agreements for
36 reciprocal recognition with any state qualifying for recognition under this subsection.

37 B. For the purposes of participation in concealed handgun reciprocity agreements with other jurisdictions,
38 the official government-issued law-enforcement identification card issued to an active-duty law-enforcement
39 officer in the Commonwealth who is exempt from obtaining a concealed handgun permit under this article
40 shall be deemed a concealed handgun permit.

41 C. A Virginia resident who has not been issued a valid concealed handgun permit pursuant to
42 § 18.2-308.02 shall not use a concealed handgun or concealed weapon permit or license issued by another
43 state to carry a concealed handgun in the Commonwealth. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to
44 an active duty service member of the United States Armed Forces or the spouse of such active duty service
45 member.

46 2. That the Office of the Attorney General, shall review any agreements for reciprocal recognition that
47 are in place with any other states pursuant to § 18.2-308.014 of the Code of Virginia as of July 1, 2026,
48 to determine whether the requirements and qualifications of those states' laws are adequate to prevent
49 possession of a permit or license by persons who would be denied a permit in the Commonwealth as
50 required by § 18.2-308.014 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act, and revoke any reciprocity
51 agreement or recognition of any states that do not meet such requirements or qualifications by
52 December 1, 2026. The Attorney General shall provide a written explanation for any determination
53 that a state's laws are adequate to prevent possession of such permit or license by persons who would
54 be denied such permit in the Commonwealth.

55 3. That the provisions of the first enactment of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.