Permitless Carry States

Alaska - Effective date for Permitless Carry: September 9, 2003 Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Alaska without a permit. Alaska Statue § 11.61.220

Arizona - Effective date for Permitless Carry: July 29, 2010 Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed firearm in the State of Arizona without a permit. Arizona law requires a valid permit from any state to carry into an establishment that concerns the premises.

Arkansas - Effective date for Permitless Carry: Law passed August 16, 2013. Those in positions of authority in Arkansas could not agree on what the law actually allowed. Some stated it did allow Permitless Carry and others said it didn’t. Some local authorities said they would arrest those carrying without a permit. Oct 7, 2013, Court Ruling confirmed. Permitless Carry in Arkansas. Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm or those 18 years of age or older who are Active Military, National Guard, Reserve or Honorably Discharged Veterans can carry a concealed handgun in Arkansas without a permit. Ark HR 1013 Affirming Permitless Carry Arkansas Statute § 5-73-120

Idaho - (Limited) Effective date for Permitless Carry: July 1, 2016 additions to law July 1, 2019. Idaho Residents 18 and any active Military personnel who can legally possess a firearm. Active Military and Veterans carrying under that exemption 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun in Idaho without any type of permit/license. Idaho Non-Residents 18 or older who can legally possess a handgun can carry a concealed handgun without a permit/license only outside the confines of any incorporated Idaho city/town or everywhere while in a vehicle. Idaho honors all other states permits and those carrying under permitless carry. Idaho Statute § 24-3902

Kansas - Effective date for Permitless Carry: July 1, 2015 Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Kansas without a permit. Kansas Statute § 214-6302

Kentucky - Effective date for Permitless Carry: June 27, 2019 Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Kentucky without a permit. Kentucky Statute § 237.109

Maine - Effective date for Permitless Carry: October 12, 2015 Maine’s Permitless Carry applies to any person 18 or older who can legally possess a firearm. Active Military and Veterans carrying under that exemption 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun without a permit. Permits Maine issues or honors can carry in some places that those carrying under permitless carry can’t legally carry. Maine also does not honor all other states but only states that honor Maine’s Permitless Carry permits. Maine Statute § 252 J-1 2001-A

Mississippi - Effective date for Permitless Carry: July 1, 2015 Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Mississippi without a permit. Mississippi Statutes § 97-37-1 & § 45-9-101

Missouri - Effective date for Permitless Carry: January 1, 2017 Any person who can legally possess a firearm and is 18 years of age or older can carry a concealed handgun in Missouri without a permit. Missouri Statute Title XXXVIII § 571.030

Montana - (Limited) Effective date for Permitless Carry: September 15, 1991 Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun without a permit but only outside the confines of a city or town or the confines of a logging, mining, or industrial area. Any person 18 years or older who is lawfully engaged in hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, hiking, backpacking, farming, ranching, or other outdoor activity in which weapons are often carried for recreation or protection. Montana Statutes § 45-8-316 § 45-8-317

New Hampshire - Effective date for Permitless Carry: February 22, 2017 Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun in the State of New Hampshire without a permit. New Hampshire Statute 1789 Title XII § 1396

North Dakota - (Limited) Effective date for Permitless Carry: August, 1, 2017 North Dakota Permitless Carry only applies to residents of North Dakota 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm. They must be a resident for at least one year before they can carry a concealed handgun. Any person 18 years or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun in North Dakota as shown by their North Dakota Drivers Licenses or North Dakota State Issued ID. No Permitless Open Carry. North Dakota Statutes § 62-1.03-01 § 62-1.04-02 § 62-1.04-04

Ohio - Effective date for Permitless Carry: November, 1 2019 Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun in Ohio. Active Members of the US Military, National Guard or Reserves or an Honorably Discharged Veteran 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun in Oklahoma without a permit. Oklahoma also limits the maximum caliber a person can carry to .45 Oklahoma Statutes Title 21, Chpt 53 O.E. § 1272

South Dakota - Effective date for Permitless Carry: July 1, 2019 Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun in the State of South Dakota without a permit. South Dakota Statute § 23-7-7

Vermont - Effective date for Permitless Carry: March 4, 1791 This is the date Vermont became a state. Laws usually tells us what we can’t do. Vermont doesn’t have a law saying carrying a concealed firearm for self defense is illegal. Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Vermont without a permit. Vermont Statutes Title 13, Chpt, 85 § 4003

West Virginia - Effective date for Permitless Carry: May 26, 2016 Under Permitless Carry those 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm or active members of the Military, Reserve or National Guard 18 and older can carry a concealed handgun without a permit. Military under 21 must have their Military ID. West Virginia does not honor all other states permits and those carrying under permitless carry. West Virginia residents can carry a concealed handgun in all places in Wyoming that those with a Wyoming Permit can carry. Non-Residents visiting must have a permit/license Wyoming honors to legally carry concealed. West Virginia Statute § 61-7-7

Wyoming - (Limited) Effective date for Permitless Carry: July 1, 2011 Wyoming’s Permitless Carry only applies to residents of Wyoming 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm. Wyoming residents can carry a concealed handgun in all places in Wyoming that those with a Wyoming Permit can carry. Non-Residents visiting must have a permit/license Wyoming honors to legally carry concealed. Wyoming Statute § 6-8-104

Notice: When carrying a concealed firearm in any state you must go by the Laws/Regulations on carrying firearms in that state. It is your responsibility to know those Laws/Regulations. If states restricts Permitless Carry to just your residents the listing states that. Active Military or Veterans carrying under that exemption (Under 21) should carry their military ID or if they discharged their DD214. This listing only covers the carrying of a “Concealed Handgun.” Some of the listed states may allow the carrying of other weapons under their Permitless Carry statutes. All states listed above still issue permits to carry except Vermont which has never required a permit to carry. For more information on Permitless Carry and other state specific laws click on the state’s name for additional information that site with links to state resources. www.handgunlaw.us

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