

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 28

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A RESOLUTION to express support for the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of the 119th U.S. Congress.

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (H.R. 38) has been introduced in the 119th U.S. Congress with more than 120 co-sponsors; and

WHEREAS, this bipartisan legislation would provide nationwide reciprocity for concealed carry license holders and for residents of Constitutional Carry states; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act allows an individual with a state-issued concealed carry license or permit to conceal a handgun in any other state and also allows a resident of a Constitutional Carry state to carry in other states; and

WHEREAS, as the sponsors of the legislation have noted, the fundamental right to bear arms and defend oneself should not be determined by the state in which one lives, nor do an American citizen's Second Amendment rights disappear when he or she crosses a state line; and

WHEREAS, to protect these fundamental rights, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act will protect law-abiding citizens' rights to conceal carry and travel freely between states without worrying about conflicting state codes or onerous civil lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, currently, all fifty states issue concealed carry permits, forty-nine states allow nonresident carry, and twenty-nine states have Constitutional Carry; thus, it makes common sense for Congress to ensure that each state's concealed carry permit or license is valid in every other state; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act is supported by many major pro-Second Amendment organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives in 2017 with bipartisan support; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has committed to signing national concealed carry reciprocity legislation into law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this General Assembly expresses its support for the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act pending in the 119th U.S. Congress and urge passage of this landmark legislation that will protect the Second Amendment rights of Tennessee's law-abiding citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, and each member of Tennessee's delegation to the U.S. Congress.