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Does the state of Arkansas recognize Idaho's Concealed Weapons License?

_____ Regular: IDAHO CODE § 18-3302
_____ Enhanced: IDAHO CODE § 18-3302K
_____ Both
☒ Neither

Does the state of «State» require a reciprocity agreement?

_____ No
_____ Yes

If yes, is a formal agreement, such as a Memorandum of Agreement, required or will a less formal agreement, such as exchange of letters acknowledging reciprocity of our states' Concealed Weapons Licenses suffice?

_____ Memorandum of Agreement
_____ Exchange of Letters

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Dear Ms. Atig,

This is in response to your July 1st and August 23rd letters regarding the Idaho Concealed Weapons License. I apologize for the delay in response.

In the 2013 Arkansas legislative session, the Department's discretion to review other states' laws and the authority to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states was removed from Arkansas law.

Here is the Arkansas law that went into effect on August 16, 2013.

*Arkansas Code §5-73-321. Recognition of other states' licenses.
A person in possession of a valid license to carry a concealed handgun issued to the person by another state is entitled to the privileges and subject to the restrictions prescribed by this subchapter.*

It is our Department's legal counsel's opinion that the license issued by another state must specifically be a concealed "handgun" license to be honored and a concealed "weapons" license does not fit within the specific wording of the new law and would not be honored.

If you disagree with this interpretation or would like to seek further legal advice on Arkansas law, please feel free to contact Arkansas Attorney General Dustin McDaniel's Office.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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