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 Statute § 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 handgun in the State of Arizona without a permit. Arizona law requires a valid permit from any state to carry into an establishment that explicitly bans firearms for consumption or sale. Arizona Statute 13-1302

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. 100% of the states that allow Permitless Carry in Arkansas. Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun in Idaho without any type of permit/license. Anyone 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 while in a vehicle. Idaho honors all other states permits/law. Idaho Statute § 18-3002

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 § 21-4304

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 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm. Active Military or Honorably Discharged Veterans 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 them. Click on the states name for more information on Maine. Maine Statute 252 § 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 States of Mississippi. Mississippi Statute § 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 boundaries of a city or town or the confines of a logging, lumbering, mining, or railroad camp or who is lawfully engaged in hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, shooting, target shooting, ranching, managing or managing the carrying or otherwise 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 Title XII § 196-A

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 under Permitless Carry in North Dakota as shown by their North Dakota Driver’s license or a valid ID. Effective date for Permitless Carry: September 15, 1991. North Dakota Statutes § 6-04-02 & § 62-1-04-04

Oklahoma - 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 Oklahoma. Active members of the US Military, National Guard or Reserves on an Honorably Discharged Veteran 18 or older can carry a concealed handgun in Oklahoma without a permit. Oklahoma Statute § 120-114. Maximum caliber a person can carry to .45 Oklahoma Statutes Title 21, Chpt. 53 O.S. § 1172

South Dakota - 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 South Dakota without a permit. South Dakota Statute § 23-7-7

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 can not possess a firearm on K-12 property including their parking lots while those with a permit West Virginia Issues or Honors can have a firearm inside their vehicle on K-12 property. 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. Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm 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 Statutes § 1-20-104

Vermont - Effective date for Permitless Carry: March 4, 1791 This is the date Vermont became a state. Laws usually tell us what we can’t do. Vermont does not 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

Notice: - When carrying a concealed firearm in any state you must go by the Laws/Regulations on carrying firearms that state, it is your responsibility to know those Laws/Regulations. If states require Permitless Carry to just their residents the listing states that Active Military or Veterans carrying under that exemption (Under 21) should carry their military ID or if 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 states name for addition information on that state with links to state resources. www.handgunlaw.us

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