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Subject: Idaho gun license reciprocity question for Alabama

Dear Ms. Stephanie Altig:

You contacted our office requesting information about gun licensing in Alabama. We have had some personnel exchanges, and I'm not certain whether anyone has responded to your inquiry. Please see the below information about Alabama's gun laws and let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you!
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- 1. May an Idaho resident carry a concealed handgun in Alabama based upon having a valid Idaho concealed handgun license?*

ANSWER: Yes. Alabama accepts a valid conceal carry permit from any state. This applies to both categories of Idaho gun permits.

See: Ala. Code 1975 Section 13A-11-85

Reciprocity for licenses issued in other states.

(a) A person licensed to carry a handgun in any state shall be authorized to carry a handgun in this state. This section shall apply to a license holder from another state only while the license holder is not a resident of this state. A license holder from another state shall carry the handgun in compliance with the laws of this state.

(Act 2001-494, p. 862, §1; Act 2013-283, p. 938, §2.)

This reciprocity is extended for both categories of licenses that Idaho currently issues. Notably, one must be 18 years or older to obtain a permit in Alabama.

See: Ala. Code 1975, Section 13A-11-72

2. May an Idaho resident carry a concealed handgun in Alabama based upon having a valid Idaho concealed handgun license, pursuant to the laws of Alabama or by the execution of a valid reciprocity agreement between the states?

ANSWER: An Idaho resident may carry a concealed handgun in Alabama based upon having an Idaho concealed handgun license pursuant to the laws of Alabama, which state that a "person licensed to carry a handgun in any state shall be authorized to carry a handgun in this state." This applies to both categories of Idaho gun permits. A formal reciprocity agreement is not required.

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