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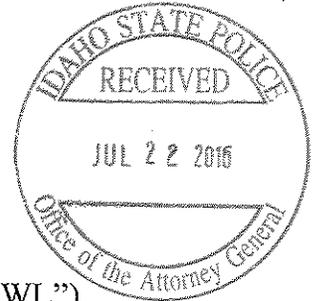
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Re: Montana Recognition of Idaho Concealed Weapons Licenses (“CWL”)

Dear Ms. Altig:

I am writing in response to your letter of July 13 of this year to our office regarding Idaho’s concealed weapons license.

Montana’s recognition of concealed weapons licenses or permits from other states is governed by Montana Code Annotated § 45-8-329(1), which states:

- (1) A concealed weapon permit from another state is valid in this state if:
  - (a) the person issued the permit has the permit in the person’s immediate possession;
  - (b) the person bearing the permit is also in possession of an official photo identification of the person, whether on the permit or on other identification; and
  - (c) the state that issued the permit requires a criminal records background check of permit applicants prior to issuance of a permit.

Based on Idaho’s concealed weapons requirements, Idaho’s licenses meet the requirements of Montana law. In order for an Idaho licensee to lawfully carry a concealed weapon in Montana, he or she must also meet the conditions of having the license and a valid photo identification in his or her immediate possession.

Every state has slightly different laws governing possession of firearms, whether concealed or open carry. In order to provide the clearest notice to citizens of where and how they can lawfully exercise their right to keep and bear arms our office has recently

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updated its list of frequently asked questions, which we have found to be very useful to non-Montanans who are visiting our beautiful state. Please feel free to refer citizens of the State of Idaho to this helpful link if they have questions about the use and possession of firearms in Montana. This information can be found at: <https://doj.mt.gov/featuredemp/frequently-asked-questions/>. In addition, Montana Code Annotated title 45, chapter 8, part 3 contains the relevant state law on firearms use and possession.

Please notify me if I can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,



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

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

Does the state of Montana 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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