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Stephanie A. Altig,
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Dear Stephanie:

I am writing in response to your July 1, 2015, letter to the Vermont Attorney General's Office regarding recognition of concealed weapons licenses and reciprocity.

There are no licensing or permitting requirements in Vermont law regarding the carrying of firearms whether concealed or otherwise. As such, Vermont cannot enter into a reciprocity agreement to recognize another State's permit to carry concealed firearms. Additionally, for this same reason it is not accurate to state that Vermont recognizes Idaho's original or enhanced concealed weapons licenses.

Vermont has recently enacted a statute prohibiting persons convicted of certain violent crimes from possessing firearms. See Act 14 (2015). Otherwise, Vermont law does not restrict who may carry a firearm. Chapter 85 of Title 13 of the Vermont Statutes places certain restrictions on the places that firearms may be carried and the circumstances under which possession of a firearm may be a criminal offense. Additionally, 10 V.S.A. § 4705, prohibits the carrying of certain firearms in vehicles under certain circumstances.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions regarding these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Treadwell".

John Treadwell
Assistant Attorney General

