

**RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN**  
**OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL JIM PETRO**  
**AND**  
**THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**

**This Reciprocity Agreement** ("Agreement") is made and entered into effective this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004, by and between Jim Petro, the Attorney General of Ohio ("**Attorney General**"), 30 East Broad Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3400, and the State of Tennessee, c/o Department of Safety, Legal Division, 1150 Foster Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37249 ("**Reciprocal State**") who hereby agree as follows:

**RECITALS**

Whereas, Ohio Revised Code §109.69 authorizes the Attorney General to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states under which a license to carry a concealed handgun that is issued by such foreign state is recognized in this state;

Whereas, the Reciprocal State will, pursuant to this Reciprocity Agreement, agree to recognize, in its state, a license to carry a concealed handgun that is issued by the State of Ohio;

Whereas, the Attorney General has determined that the Reciprocal State meets the requirements for entering into a Reciprocity Agreement in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §109.69; and

Whereas, the parties desires to enter into this Reciprocity Agreement under the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Wherefore, the parties hereby agree as follows:

**AGREEMENT**

1. **Incorporation of Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference.
2. **Findings.** The Attorney General hereby determines that: a) the eligibility requirements imposed by Reciprocal State to carry a concealed handgun are substantially comparable to the license eligibility requirements under Ohio Revised Code §2923.125, and b) Reciprocal State will, pursuant to this Reciprocity Agreement, recognize a license to carry a concealed handgun issued under Ohio Revised Code §2923.125.

3. **Reciprocity.**
  - a. Reciprocal State hereby agrees to recognize all valid licenses to carry concealed handguns issued pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §2923.125.
  - b. The Attorney General, pursuant to the authority provided by Ohio Revised Code §109.69, hereby agrees that the State of Ohio shall recognize all valid licenses to carry concealed handguns issued pursuant to Reciprocal State's applicable concealed handgun statute.
4. **Handgun Definition.** The definition of "handgun" under this Reciprocity Agreement shall have the same meaning as the term is defined in Ohio Revised Code §2923.11. This agreement shall not apply to any other type of weapon.
5. **Statutory Changes.** Either party will notify the other in writing of any change to their respective carry concealed handgun statute or any regulation issued thereunder that may materially affect the eligibility of the recognition agreed to hereunder.
6. **Notification.** Any notice to be issued hereunder shall be sent by regular United States mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery to the address for either party set forth above. Either party may change their address for notification by sending notice of the new address in the manner provided by this section.
7. **Termination.** This Reciprocity Agreement shall remain in effect as long as the respective statutory authority in each state authorizes the reciprocal privileges granted by this agreement or until terminated in writing by either party with thirty (30) days written notice.
8. **Modification.** Modification of this Reciprocity Agreement may only be made by mutual written agreement of the parties.
9. **Headings.** The headings in this Reciprocity Agreement have been inserted for convenient reference and shall not be considered in any questions of interpretation or construction of this agreement.


10. **Severability.** The provisions of this agreement are severable and independent, and if any such provision shall be unenforceable in whole or in part, the remaining provisions and any partially enforceable provision, to the extent enforceable in any jurisdiction, shall, nevertheless, be binding and enforceable.
11. **Execution.** This Reciprocity Agreement is not binding upon either party unless executed in full.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Reciprocity Agreement to be executed by the Attorney General and the Reciprocal State's duly authorized officer, as of the day and year first above written.

**RECIPROCAL STATE:**

**JIM PETRO  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OHIO**

By: 

By:   
Jim Petro

Its: Commissioner, TN Dept of Safety