

Bill Summary and Background

“This bill establishes a federal statutory framework to regulate the carry or possession of concealed firearms across state lines. Specifically, an individual who is eligible to carry a concealed firearm in one state may carry or possess a concealed handgun (other than a machine gun or destructive device) in another state that allows its residents to carry concealed firearms. The bill preempts most state and local laws related to concealed carry and establishes a private right of action for a person adversely affected by interference with a concealed-carry right established by this bill.”

Sponsored by House Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC-9) with 189 co-sponsors, including Representatives Crank, Hurd, and Evans of Colorado.

Currently, 29 states now allow residents to carry loaded concealed firearms without a permit or safety training. Under H.R.38, individuals from 27 of those states would be allowed to carry weapons anywhere in the country without even a background check. (Two of the 29 states require a background check to purchase some or all firearms.)

Info about About Concealed Carry Policy

[Read the Bill here](#)

Current Status of H.R. 38

The bill passed the House Judiciary Committee with a vote of 18-9 along party lines. It is a high priority bill for the gun lobby and is expected to move relatively quickly through Congress.

Actions We All Can Take to Oppose H.R. 38

Please contact Colorado's U.S. Senators and your Congressional Representative to ask that they vote against this dangerous bill. There is no need to contact members of Congress who represent districts other than the one you live in. Below is their contact information, and below that are some talking points. As the bill moves through Congress, we will send updates and other actions to take.

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Talking Points

- H.R. 38 would override state laws.
- H.R. 38 would undermine state sovereignty.
- H.R. 38 would enable people with convictions for violent crimes in their home states to conceal carry in states whose laws would not allow them to.
- H.R. 38 would allow individuals from nearly all permitless carry states to carry concealed weapons nationwide without background checks.
- There is no widely endorsed research that expanding public concealed carry has any public safety benefits.
- H.R. 38 would undermine sensitive spaces laws in CO and other states.

- H.R. 38 would penalize law enforcement officers personally for enforcing state gun safety laws.