

Action Alert

Please help CFCU to Oppose Federal House Bill H.R. 38, "Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act"

Talking Points

1. H.R. 38 would override state laws.

This bill would substitute the laws of a person's residence for the laws of the state in which they are physically present, overriding state laws governing who can carry a loaded concealed handgun, where they can carry it, and who can possess such a weapon in the first place.

2. H.R. 38 would undermine state sovereignty.

State laws typically govern what is and is not legal within state boundaries, regardless of whether an individual is a resident or visitor. Federally-mandated concealed carry reciprocity would upend this basic principle by allowing people who are legally permitted to carry concealed loaded handguns in their home states to carry them everywhere in the United States, even if the individual is prohibited from possessing firearms in the travel state.

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2025/11/10/opinion/concealed-carry-weapons-states-reciprocity/>

3. 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. Even if an individual has a history of violent convictions, they would be able to carry concealed weapons in a state that wouldn't otherwise let them so long as they are allowed to under their own state laws.

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4. H.R. 38 would allow individuals from nearly all permitless carry states to carry concealed weapons nationwide without background checks. In addition to background checks, many states require training in the handling of firearms, including live fire training and a course on state laws associated with firearm ownership and carrying. Those and other standards for being granted a concealed carry permit in Colorado were established by HB24-1174. The passage of H.R. 38 would negate those requirements for visitors to Colorado from states lacking those requirements.

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5. There is no widely endorsed research that expanding public concealed carry has any public safety benefits. In fact, guns have the potential to turn a contentious situation into a deadly one. When a firearm is present, a situation that could have been diffused may instead end in injury or death. In states that have adopted permitless concealed carry laws, such laws have been associated with a 13% increase in firearm homicides and a 29% increase in violent gun crime.

<https://www.bradyunited.org/resources/issues/concealed-carry>

6. H.R. 38 would undermine sensitive spaces laws in CO and other states.

Many states, including Colorado, have laws that prohibit guns in places like schools, airports, courthouses, parks, and large public gatherings. Among other sensitive spaces, Colorado bans guns in licensed day care centers and K-12 schools (SB24-131). Should this bill pass, it would become markedly easier for out-of-staters to carry loaded, hidden guns into those settings.

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

The bill allows individuals to sue any law enforcement officer who arrests or detains someone from another state on suspicion of unlawfully carrying a firearm if the individual is ultimately found to be carrying legally under their home state's laws. Officers would be personally liable for monetary penalties.