



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

April 28, 2015

The Honorable Coby Shorter, III
Deputy Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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Coby Shorter, III
Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Deputy Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following proclamation:

Recognizing valid concealed handgun licenses issued by the State of Ohio on or after March 23, 2015, as long as Ohio licensees comply with all laws, rules and regulations of the State of Texas governing the use and carrying of concealed handguns.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson
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Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Section 411.173 directs that the governor shall negotiate an agreement with any other state that provides for the issuance of a license to carry a concealed handgun under which a license issued by the other state is recognized in this state, or shall issue a proclamation that a license issued by the other state is recognized in this state, if the Attorney General of the State of Texas determines that a background check of each applicant for a license issued by that state is conducted by state or local authorities or an agent of the state or local authorities before the license is issued to determine the applicant's eligibility to possess a firearm under federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the State of Texas has determined that a background check of each applicant for a license issued by the State of Ohio on or after March 23, 2015, is conducted by state or local authorities or an agent of the state or local authorities before the license is issued to determine the applicant's eligibility to possess a firearm under federal law, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2923.125; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is therefore authorized to recognize the validity of Ohio concealed handgun licenses issued on or after March 23, 2015;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim that the State of Texas shall recognize valid concealed handgun licenses issued by the State of Ohio on or after March 23, 2015, as long as Ohio licensees comply with all laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Texas governing the use and carrying of concealed handguns.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 28th day of April, 2015.



GREG ABBOTT
Governor

Attested by:



Coby Shorter, III
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