

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
between
The State of Texas
and
The State of Mississippi
concerning Concealed Handgun Permit Reciprocity

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has the authority to issue a Concealed Handgun License pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code § 411, Subchapter H; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has the authority to issue a License to Carry a Concealed Pistol or Revolver pursuant to Section 45-9-101, Mississippi Code of 1972; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is authorized to recognize the validity of a nonresident concealed handgun license if the Texas Attorney General determines that a background check of each applicant for a license issued by the other state is conducted by state or local authorities, or agent thereof, before the license is issued to determine the applicants' eligibility to possess a firearm under the Federal Gun Control Act (18 U.S.C. § 922); and

WHEREAS, the Texas Attorney General has made such affirmative determination with respect to the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is therefore authorized to recognize the validity of a Mississippi License to Carry a Concealed Pistol or Revolver pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code § 411.173(b); and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is authorized to recognize the validity of a nonresident license to carry a concealed pistol or revolver from a state which recognizes the validity of a Mississippi License to Carry a Concealed Pistol or Revolver and which communicates that fact to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, pursuant to Section 45-9-101(19), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended in 2004; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement constitutes the communication required by Section 45-9-101(19), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Concealed Handgun License reciprocity between Texas and Mississippi is thus supported by the laws of both states;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. The State of Texas shall give full faith and credit to a valid License to Carry a Concealed Pistol or Revolver issued by the State of Mississippi; and

2. Given the preceding recognition by the State of Texas, the State of Mississippi shall give full faith and credit to valid Concealed Handgun Licenses issued by the State of Texas.

3. The State of Texas and the State of Mississippi will inform each other of any changes to their respective concealed carry weapons statutes that may affect the eligibility of the recognition granted by each state.

This Memorandum of Agreement applies only to the carrying of handguns by valid license holders from the respective states and not to any other types of weapons. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "handgun" means any firearm that is designed, made, or adapted to be fired with a single hand.

This Memorandum of Agreement becomes effective on the date of the final signature and shall continue in effect unless modified by mutual written consent, or terminated by either state upon thirty (30) days' written notice. This document is not intended to limit or restrict the statutory authority or jurisdiction of either state.



RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

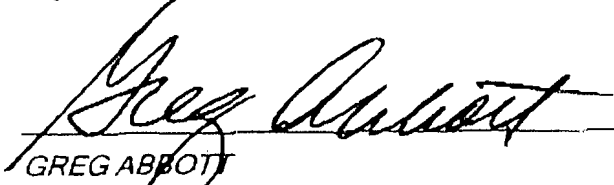


DEWITT L. FORTENBERRY
Commissioner
Mississippi Department of Public Safety

DATE 8/6/04

DATE 8-25-04

I hereby certify that a background check of each applicant for a license issued by the State of Mississippi is conducted by Mississippi or its local authorities, or an agent of the State of Mississippi or its local authorities, before the license is issued to determine the applicants' eligibility to possess a firearm under federal law.



GREG ABBOTT
Attorney General of Texas