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Senate Approves Handgun Law Addition

Revision Provides Permit Recognition by Other States

(JUNEAU)—The Alaska State Senate approved House Bill 177 by a vote of 18 to two on Wednesday. Sponsored by Rep. Bill Stoltze (R-Chugiak/Mat-Su), HB 177 clarifies the procedure for recognizing concealed handgun permits from other states.

“This legislation will expand the recognition of our concealed weapon permits in other states,” Stoltze said.

Current Alaska law refuses to recognize permit holders from other states who have had a permit denied or revoked. For example, Texas, the second most populous state in the nation, refuses to recognize Alaska handgun permit holders. HB 177 recognizes all permit holders from other states as valid permit holders in Alaska, and requires the Alaska Department of Public Safety to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states when such an agreement benefits Alaska permit holders.

“This small but important change will greatly benefit Alaska gun owners,” Stoltze said. “Alaskans can expect greater personal freedom in their decision to carry personal protection.”

After a reconsideration vote, [HB 177](#) will move to the Governor for approval.

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