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Re: *Concealed Handgun License Reciprocity with the State of West Virginia*

Dear Ms. Minton:

Pursuant to the provisions of W. Va. Code § 61-7-6a, the Attorney General of West Virginia is required to make written inquiry to the concealed handgun licensing authorities in each of the other states of the following:

- (i) Whether a West Virginia resident may carry a concealed handgun in their state based upon having a valid West Virginia concealed handgun permit; and
- (ii) Whether a West Virginia resident may carry a concealed handgun in that state based upon having a valid West Virginia concealed handgun permit, pursuant to the laws of that state or by the execution of a valid reciprocity agreement between the states.

West Virginia has two distinct classes of concealed handgun licenses issued under the authority of two separate statutes, to-wit: (a) West Virginia *license to carry deadly weapons*, specifically only for pistols and revolvers, issued to qualified persons 21 years of age or older pursuant to W. Va. Code § 61-7-4 (termed a "Concealed Handgun License"); and (b) West Virginia *provisional license to carry deadly weapons*, specifically only for pistols and revolvers, issued to qualified persons at least 18 years of age but not yet 21 years of age pursuant to the provisions of W. Va. Code § 61-7-4a (termed a "Provisional Concealed Handgun License").

As you previously indicated that both classes of West Virginia Concealed Handgun Licenses will be recognized as valid in your state, I respectfully request confirmation that this recognition remains in full force and effect. Enclosed is a copy of W. Va. Code §§ 61-7-4 for ready reference. Please be aware that there were minor legislative changes to W. Va. Code § 61-7-4 in 2021, providing for issuance of a Concealed Handgun License to non-West Virginia residents per the same process followed for West Virginia residents. To the extent that the residency of a Concealed Handgun License holder affects your state's recognition of that individual's license, please advise.

We greatly value your consideration of our inquiries to confirm continued recognition of all West Virginia concealed handgun licenses. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (304) 558-2021. Thank you in advance for your review and response.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Curtis R. A. Capehart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Curtis R. A. Capehart
Deputy Attorney General

Enclosures