Does the state of Minnesota recognize Idaho’s Concealed Weapons License?

- Regular: IDAHO CODE § 18-3302
- X Enhanced: IDAHO CODE § 18-3302K
- Both
- Neither

Does the state of Minnesota require a reciprocity agreement?

- X No
- Yes

If yes, is a formal agreement, such as a Memorandum of Agreement, required or will a less formal agreement, such as exchange of letters acknowledging reciprocity of our states’ Concealed Weapons Licenses suffice?

- N/A Memorandum of Agreement
- N/A Exchange of Letters

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Dear Lead Deputy Attorney General Altig:

Thank you for your letter to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) in which you ask whether the State of Minnesota recognizes either or both of Idaho Concealed Weapons Licenses (CWLs) or requires a reciprocity agreement with the state of Idaho.

Minnesota state law allows for reciprocity if another state has a similar permit to carry law. See Minn. Stat. § 624.714, subd.16. Based on our reading of Idaho law, Minnesota has extended reciprocity to the Enhanced Idaho CWL because its provisions under Idaho Code § 18-3302K are similar to Minnesota’s permit to carry law. For instance, Minnesota mandates a minimum age of 21 and successful completion of a live-fire shooting exercise as part of its training.

No reciprocity has been extended Idaho’s original CWL because its provisions do not meet the Minnesota similarity standard. A formal reciprocity agreement with another issuing state is not required by Minnesota.

If you need more information, please feel free to contact me at 651-793-2616 or judy.strobel@state.mn.us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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