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AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Right-to-
3 Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. RECIPROCITY FOR THE CARRYING OF CERTAIN**
5 **CONCEALED FIREARMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 926C
8 the following:

9 **“§ 926D. Reciprocity for the carrying of certain con-**
10 **cealed firearms**

11 “(a) Notwithstanding any provision of the law of any
12 State or political subdivision thereof (except as provided
13 in subsection (b)), a person who is not prohibited by Fed-
14 eral law from possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiv-
15 ing a firearm, and who is carrying a valid identification
16 document containing a photograph of the person, and a
17 valid license or permit which is issued pursuant to the law
18 of a State and which permits the person to carry a con-
19 cealed firearm, may possess or carry a concealed handgun
20 (other than a machinegun or destructive device) that has
21 been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign com-
22 merce, in any State, other than the State of residence of
23 the person, that—

24 “(1) has a statute that allows residents of the
25 State to obtain licenses or permits to carry concealed
26 firearms; or

1 “(2) does not prohibit the carrying of concealed
2 firearms by residents of the State for lawful pur-
3 poses.

4 “(b) The possession or carrying of a concealed hand-
5 gun in a State under this section shall be subject to the
6 same conditions and limitations, except as to eligibility to
7 possess or carry, imposed by or under Federal or State
8 law or the law of a political subdivision of a State, that
9 apply to the possession or carrying of a concealed handgun
10 by residents of the State or political subdivision who are
11 licensed by the State or political subdivision to do so, or
12 not prohibited by the State from doing so.

13 “(c) In subsection (a), the term ‘identification docu-
14 ment’ means a document made or issued by or under the
15 authority of the United States Government, a State, or
16 a political subdivision of a State which, when completed
17 with information concerning a particular individual, is of
18 a type intended or commonly accepted for the purpose of
19 identification of individuals.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item
22 relating to section 926C the following:

 “926D. Reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.”.

23 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
24 this section shall take effect 90 days after the date of the
25 enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. GAO AUDIT OF THE STATES' CONCEALED CARRY**
2 **PERMIT OR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR**
3 **NON-RESIDENTS.**

4 (a) The Comptroller General of the United States
5 shall conduct an audit of—

6 (1) the laws and regulations of each State that
7 authorize the issuance of a valid permit or license to
8 permit a person, other than a resident of such State,
9 to possess or carry a concealed firearm, including a
10 description of the permitting or licensing require-
11 ments of each State that issues concealed carry per-
12 mits or licenses to persons other than a resident of
13 such State;

14 (2) the number of such valid permits or licenses
15 issued or denied (and the basis for such denials) by
16 each State to persons other than a resident of such
17 State; and

18 (3) the effectiveness of such State laws and reg-
19 ulations in protecting the public safety.

20 (b) Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
21 of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Con-
22 gress a report on the findings of the study conducted
23 under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 4. GAO STUDY OF THE ABILITY OF STATE AND LOCAL**
2 **LAW ENFORCEMENT TO VERIFY THE VALID-**
3 **ITY OF OUT-OF-STATE CONCEALED FIRE-**
4 **ARMS PERMITS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Comptroller General of the
6 United States shall conduct a study of the ability of State
7 and local law enforcement authorities to verify the validity
8 of licenses or permits, issued by other States, to carry a
9 concealed firearm.

10 (b) **REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.**—Within 1 year after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
12 General shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary
13 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
14 the Judiciary of the Senate a written report which con-
15 tains the results of the study required by subsection (a).

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Attest:

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Clerk.