



Legislation Text

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Urging the United States Congress to oppose the United States House of Representatives Bill 38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017; and United States Senate Bill 446, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017.

WHEREAS, On January 3, 2017, U.S. Representative Richard Hudson (NC) introduced HR 38 and on February 27, 2017, U.S. Senator John Cornyn (TX) introduced S 446, both known as the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017; and

WHEREAS, both H.R. 38 and S. 446 would force every state to recognize concealed carry permits by every other state, regardless of the permitting standards, or lack thereof, of that state; and

WHEREAS, both H.R. 38 and S. 446 would force all states to recognize so-called "constitutional" or permitless carry, which allows gun owners to carry without receiving any permit or training; and

WHEREAS, while every state allows concealed carry under some circumstances, each state has different requirements on who is permitted to carry, what requirements are appropriate, and what type of training should be required of permit holders; and

WHEREAS, The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 would allow people with concealed carry permits in one state to take their weapon to any other state, even if the other state has stricter limits on concealed carry weapons than the home state in which they obtained their permit; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota currently requires permit to carry holders to take safety training and be 21 years old, and denies permits to dangerous people, convicted stalkers, those convicted of violent crimes, and domestic abusers, and this legislation would weaken the regulations we value by allowing gun owners from states with significantly less-stringent regulations to carry weapons in our state;

WHEREAS, these bills would override existing state laws and local practice and limit Minnesota's ability to prevent criminal firearm trafficking, criminal possession of weapons, and the general proliferation of firearms in public places; and

WHEREAS, both bills are opposed by many law enforcement officials across the country, such as the Fraternal Order of Police, the Police Foundation, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, as well as the Saint Paul Chief of Police;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council go on record opposing H.R.38 and S.446, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, and calls on its representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate to vote against these bills, and to work with their colleagues to oppose these bills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this order to all Minnesota representatives in Congress.