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**Cc:** Chris Carr  
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**To:** 'mherring@oag.state.va.us'  
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**Subject:** Georgia Virginia Weapons License Reciprocity Letter

Dear Attorney General Herring,

I hope you are doing well. Attached you will find an electronic copy of a letter sent to you today by mail regarding weapons license reciprocity between Georgia and Virginia. If you have any questions or I can be of any assistance to you please let me know.

Regards,

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Re: Weapons license reciprocity between Georgia and Virginia

Dear Attorney General Herring and Superintendent Flaherty:

As you may be aware, the State of Georgia and the State of Virginia discussed potential weapons license reciprocity last year. Because certain Georgia permits would not be recognized in Virginia, we had previously concluded that Virginia could not be added to the Georgia Attorney General's list of reciprocal states.

The Georgia General Assembly has recently enacted legislation, which we expect may be approved by our Governor, that would permit Georgia to recognize another state's weapons carry licenses despite the fact that such state does not recognize our "under-21" license holders. A copy of that legislation is enclosed.

It appears that this change eliminates one issue preventing reciprocity between Georgia and Virginia, but we are aware that Virginia's reciprocity statute also requires "instantaneous verification of the validity of all such permits or licenses issued within that state, accessible 24 hours a day if available." Georgia does not have a mechanism for instantaneous verification, and in fact, prohibits the creation or maintenance of a database of information about persons with weapons carry licenses. O.C.G.A. § 16-11-129 (k).

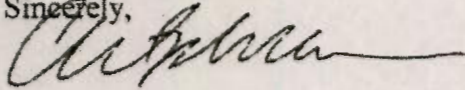
Please let us know if Georgia qualifies for reciprocity with Virginia so that we may inform Georgia citizens whether they can legally carry their weapons in Virginia. We would also appreciate knowing if there are Virginia court decisions, opinions of the Attorney General, or any other authority clarifying this issue.



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Thank you for your consideration of this issue and we look forward to working toward reciprocity with Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Carr", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher M. Carr  
Attorney General of Georgia

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