

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE RAUSCHER**

**Introduced: 2/20/19**

**Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Encouraging Congress to pass the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 or a similar**  
2 **bill.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides  
5 that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed"; and

6 **WHEREAS** the United States Supreme Court has a history of protecting the right of  
7 individual citizens to bear arms as provided in the Second Amendment to the Constitution of  
8 the United States; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), the United States  
10 Supreme Court held that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess a  
11 firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that arm for traditionally lawful  
12 purposes, such as self-defense within the home; and

13 **WHEREAS** art. I, sec. 19, of the Constitution of the State of Alaska provides that  
14 "[t]he individual right to keep and bear arms shall not be denied or infringed by the State or a  
15 political subdivision of the State"; and

16 **WHEREAS**, where it is legal to do so, a person who is 21 years of age or older and

1 who may legally possess a firearm may carry a firearm in the state without a concealed carry  
2 permit; and

3 **WHEREAS** the state issues permits to carry a concealed handgun as provided in  
4 AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790; and

5 **WHEREAS** art. IV, sec. 1, of the Constitution of the United States provides that  
6 every state shall give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings and documents of every  
7 other state and that Congress may determine how those documents will be recognized; and

8 **WHEREAS**, under art. IV, sec. 1, of the Constitution of the United States, states  
9 provide reciprocity for legally issued driver's licenses from other states; and

10 **WHEREAS** states that issue concealed carry permits restrict eligibility to persons  
11 who are eligible under federal and state laws to legally possess a firearm; and

12 **WHEREAS** states that issue concealed carry permits require the applicant to complete  
13 a handgun competency course and display the applicant's ability and knowledge of related  
14 responsibilities to legally operate a firearm; and

15 **WHEREAS** states that issue concealed carry permits require applicants to submit  
16 fingerprints and pass a criminal background check; and

17 **WHEREAS** 19 states currently provide reciprocity for concealed carry permits issued  
18 in other states;

19 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the  
20 United States Congress pass legislation that amends the federal criminal code to allow an  
21 individual qualified to carry or possess a concealed handgun in one state to carry or possess a  
22 concealed handgun in another state that also allows individuals to carry concealed firearms;  
23 and be it

24 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the United  
25 States Congress to pass the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 (H.R. 38) or the  
26 Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 (S. 446), both from the 115th  
27 Congress, or a similar bill; and be it

28 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that  
29 the President of the United States sign into law legislation that enacts the Concealed Carry  
30 Reciprocity Act of 2017 (H.R. 38) or the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of  
31 2017 (S. 446), both from the 115th Congress, or a similar bill if Congress passes the

1 legislation.

2           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President  
3 of the United States; the Honorable Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the United States and  
4 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of  
5 Representatives; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S.  
6 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
7 delegation in Congress.