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South Dakota Legislature Passes Constitutional Carry

Senate agrees citizens don't need a permit to exercise Second Amendment right

Pierre, SD - The National Association for Gun Rights is hailing the passage of Constitutional Carry in South Dakota, which cleared its final legislative hurdle in the State Senate today by a vote of 23 to 11.

House Bill 1072, authored by pro-gun Representative Lynne DiSanto, recognizes the right of every law-abiding citizen in South Dakota to carry a firearm for self-defense without a government permit.

“South Dakota is on the verge of becoming the twelfth state to remove this government permission slip nonsense once and for all,” said Dudley Brown, the group’s President. “If you can legally possess a handgun, Constitutional Carry affirms you have the right to carry it without having to beg the government for a permit.”

Under current law, HB 1072 does not remove the existing permit process for those who seek reciprocity with neighboring states; it would remove the requirement to obtain the permit when lawfully carrying concealed in South Dakota.

HB 1072 passed the Senate on February 24th and with the passage out of the Senate today is on its way to Governor Chris Daugaard’s desk for final approval.

The National Association for Gun Rights strongly calls on Governor Dennis Daugaard to stand with South Dakota gun owners and give HB 1072 his full support.

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