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Message:

This Saturday in the Augusta Chronicle there is an article about Hose Bill 3025. I'm contacting you because I highly respect you and you get things done. I'm a lifelong resident of Georgia living on the Georgia/South Carolina Border who has my CWP. I'm a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic for Columbia County Georgia. My part-time job I work for a Fire Extinguisher Company where I am licensed and certified in the state of South Carolina where I routinely work. My oldest son is a Columbia County Sheriffs Deputy and we attend gun range classes all the time. I have had gun safety classes along with a lot of other Georgia residents.

It has always been a great hazel to be a legal law abiding United States Citizen living on the border of two great states, just to be considered a criminal by crossing the Hwy 28 bridge from Georgia into South Carolina. I work a part-time job where I am caring cash from job payments which at times are in higher crime areas in and around the CSRA.

I see that there is a lot of opposition for the Bill. After reading some of the opposing arguments I believe I have a good answer for everyone's concerns.

First; There are Georgia residents whom on a very regular basis comes to the great state of South Caroline to spend their money to vacation and buy commodities and or whom live in Georgia and work in South Carolina. These people should be able to protect themselves in the event a criminal who's only wish is to harm you and your family or kill you. By the way the most people that have the concealed weapons permit are not criminals.

I do not believe there are any law officers or normal civilians whom wake up in the morning and strap their weapon on their side and say I am going to shoot and kill someone today.

That beings up their argument that there might be individuals from other states with CWP that have not been trained how to use guns. Well I can not disagree with them but there is an easy fix.

If a Georgia resident who has a CWP in Georgia wish to be allowed the permission to carry that weapon in South Carolina they should be allowed to take the State of South Carolina's CWP class. then after they have completed the class given a state CWP. At the present time a Georgia resident CAN NOT take the class and can not apply for CWP in South Carolina unless they own land and or they are a South Carolina resident.

This will also boost state income by providing license fees. I just hope that it would not be so high priced that the working class can not afford them.

I hope you can forward this information to everyone involved.

Thank you
John Phillips
Georgia Resident and long time South Carolina visitor

P.S If you ever wish to jump state lines we would love to have you as Governor, and you will have my vote as President of the United States