



Commissioner Bob Jacobson
Minnesota Department of Public Safety
445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1000
Saint Paul, MN 55101

April 27, 2025

Subject: Request to Update Minnesota Permit to Carry Reciprocity Listings Following *Worth v. Jacobson* Decision

Dear Commissioner Jacobson,

I am writing on behalf of the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus to request that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) review and update the state's permit to carry reciprocity listings in light of recent legal developments.

As you are aware, the U.S. Supreme Court recently declined to hear Minnesota's appeal in *Worth v. Jacobson*, thereby letting stand the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals' decision invalidating the state's restriction on issuing permits to carry to individuals aged 18 to 20.

Consequently, Minnesota is now required to issue permits to carry to eligible applicants aged 18 and over. We appreciate that you have quickly implemented this decision.

Reciprocity with Other States

Minnesota Statute § 624.714, subd. 16(a) requires the commissioner to establish and publish an annual list of other states whose permit laws are similar to Minnesota's. In addition, § 624.714, subd. 16(d) provides that "the commissioner must, when necessary, execute reciprocity agreements regarding carry permits with jurisdictions whose carry permits are recognized under paragraph (a).

Given that the U.S. Supreme Court has declined to review *Worth v. Jacobson*, and Minnesota must now issue permits to eligible applicants aged 18 to 20, it has become necessary to reevaluate and execute new reciprocity agreements. With the removal of the previous age restriction, Minnesota's eligibility standards more closely align with those of other states.



In particular, a memorandum from E. Joseph Newton, General Counsel of the Department of Public Safety, dated August 11, 2015, acknowledged that Missouri and Texas were removed from Minnesota's reciprocity list solely because their laws permitted issuance of permits to individuals aged 18 to 20.

In addition, the Department's current website states that South Carolina was withdrawn as a similar state because it allows permit applicants to be 18, while Minnesota previously required all applicants to be at least 21 years old without exception.

Given that Minnesota now issues permits to individuals aged 18 and over, it is appropriate and necessary to reestablish reciprocity agreements with Missouri, Texas, and South Carolina immediately to avoid further Constitutional infringement.

We request that the Department immediately reassess existing reciprocity agreements and actively pursue executing new agreements where appropriate, to expand recognition of Minnesota permits in additional jurisdictions.

Correct Outdated Public Information:

While much of the Department's published information has been updated to reflect the *Worth* decision, the Department's official **Permit to Carry Reciprocity page** ([link](#)) still incorrectly states that applicants for a Minnesota permit to carry must be at least 21 years of age.

This outdated note is limited to the reciprocity page; other pages appear accurate.

We request that the Department promptly update the reciprocity page to remove the inaccurate age information to avoid public confusion and ensure full legal compliance.

Additionally, we request that your office respond to this letter in writing as soon as possible, outlining your **specific plans** and **expected timing** for implementing these updates.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and your continued service to the people of Minnesota. We are available at your convenience if you require further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bryan Strawser".

Bryan Strawser
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert T. Doar".

Robert T. Doar
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