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SB 152 Sponsor Statement

In 2002 [Senate Bill 242](#) was introduced to simply and clarify the procedures for recognizing concealed handgun permits for other states. As a result of a floor amendment offered late in the session, recognition was limited to those permits held by individuals who had not had a permit denied or revoked.

Although, the amendment appeared reasonable on the surface, an unintended consequence resulted in Texas, the second most populous state in the nation, refusing reciprocity. The refusal is technically bureaucratic in nature, yet presents a barrier to reciprocity. [Senate Bill 152](#) attempts to resolve this issue.

The first section of the Bill recognizes permit holders from other states as valid permit holders in Alaska. The second section of the legislation requires the Alaska Department of Public Safety to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states, when it is necessary to benefit Alaska permit holders.