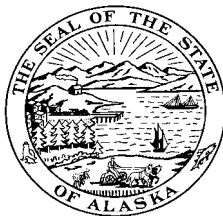


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## REPRESENTATIVE BILL STOLTZE

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### Sponsor Statement for House Bill 177

*“An Act relating to concealed handguns.”*

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In 2002, [Senate Bill 242](#) was introduced to simplify and clarify the procedures for recognizing concealed handgun permits for other states. As the 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 was the result. Texas, the second most populous state in the nation, has refused reciprocity. The refusal is really more technically bureaucratic, and is a barrier to reciprocity. [House Bill 177](#) is an attempt to resolve the existing barrier.

The first section of the bill would recognize permit holders from other states as valid permit holders in Alaska.

The second section of the legislation would require the Alaska Department of Public Safety to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states, when it is necessary to benefit Alaska permit holders.

I appreciate your consideration of this legislation.

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