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## **NAGR Champions Constitutional Carry in Texas**

The bill would remove the requirement to obtain a permit to carry a concealed firearm

**Austin, TX**- Earlier today State Representative Jonathan Stickland prefiled Constitutional Carry, a bill that would remove the requirement to obtain a government-issued permit in order to carry a concealed firearm for self-defense in Texas.

"The National Association for Gun Rights has been working closely with pro-gun State Representative Jonathan Stickland on this landmark legislation," stated NAGR President Dudley Brown. "If passed, Texas would be the eleventh state to remove this government mandate once and for all."

Under current law, openly carrying a firearm in Texas does require a permit. Constitutional Carry would not remove the existing permit process for those who seek reciprocity with neighboring states; however, it would remove the requirement to obtain the permit when carrying in Texas.

"Constitutional Carry is the highest legislative priority for the National Association for Gun Rights, and our state affiliate, Texas Gun Rights," stated Brown. "The concept is simple: no one should have to beg government bureaucrats for permission to defend themselves."

Stickland has a proven track record of championing pro-gun legislation in the Texas legislature. During the 2015 legislative session Rep. Stickland sponsored the Constitutional Carry bill HB 195.

"Where it's been tried, it's worked. Crime has gone down, and gun owners seek out the training that is right for them, whether it's required or not," stated Rep. Stickland. "That's because Constitutional Carry gives firearms instructors the freedom to tailor their classes to the needs of the students, not the demands of the government." stated Rep. Stickland.

The National Association for Gun Rights urges lawmakers, Speaker of the House Joe Strauss, and Governor Greg Abbott to listen to liberty-loving Texans, not billionaire ex-New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's anti-gun agenda by passing Constitutional Carry and signing it into law.

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