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Constitutional Carry Faces Final Vote in Kansas State House

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

Topeka, KS - Earlier today a key panel of State House lawmakers gave approval to Constitutional Carry, a bill that would remove the requirement to obtain a government-issued permit in order to carry a concealed firearm in Kansas.

“The National Association for Gun Rights has been working closely with pro-gun State Senator Terry Bruce on this landmark legislation,” stated NAGR President Dudley Brown, “if passed, Kansas would be the fifth state to remove this government mandate once and for all.”

The measure, which cleared the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs this morning, already won overwhelming support in the State Senate earlier this month.

Under current law, openly carrying a firearm in Kansas does not require a permit. Senate Bill 45 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 Kansas.

“All Constitutional Carry is saying is that law-abiding Kansans should be able to put on a coat when it rains without breaking the law,” stated Brown, “there are no permissions slips or training requirements for the First Amendment and there shouldn’t be for the Second Amendment either.”

In 2010 Arizona became the third Constitutional Carry State, public records from the State’s Department of Public Safety show that, now optional, Arizona permits have increased from an average of about 9,500 per year to 15,500 since the law took effect.

“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 Brown “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.”

The National Association for Gun Rights urges lawmakers and Governor Brownback to listen to liberty-loving Kansans, not billionaire ex-New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s east-coast agenda by passing Senate Bill 45 and signing it into law.

A final vote in the State House is expected soon.

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