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Constitutional Carry Passes Kansas State House

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

Topeka, KS - The National Association for Gun Rights is hailing the passage of Constitutional Carry in Kansas which cleared the State House on Wednesday by an overwhelming 85-39 margin.

Senate Bill 45 would remove the requirement to obtain a government-issued permit in order to carry a concealed firearm in Kansas.

“If signed into law, Kansas would be the fifth state to remove this government mandate once and for all,” stated NAGR President Dudley Brown, “the National Association for Gun Rights would like to thank pro-gun State Senator Terry Bruce for his leadership, as well as all NAGR members and supporters who made their voices heard on this landmark legislation.”

The bill has cleared both the House and the Senate and is expected to go to Governor Sam Brownback for his signature as soon as the Senate signs off on a technical amendment.

Under current law, openly carrying a firearm in Kansas does not require a permit. Senate Bill 45 does 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 says 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 permission slips or training requirements for the First Amendment and there shouldn’t be for the Second Amendment either.”

NAGR has run a full program in support of Senate Bill 45, including phone calls, emails, direct mail, and social media advertising to more than 80,000 members and supporters in the State of Kansas.

“In 2010 Kansans overwhelmingly voted in favor of the right to bear arms for any lawful purpose -- 88% in favor, a national record,” exclaimed Brown, “Kansans made it abundantly clear they support gun rights, so I expect to see the Governor act quickly to sign this bill.”

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