

Senator Schuitmaker offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 109.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that requires reciprocity among states that allow the carrying of concealed firearms.

Whereas, The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives the right to American citizens to bear arms. Every state in the Union has a concealed carry law allowing eligible residents to obtain a license or permit to carry a concealed handgun; and

Whereas, Not all states recognize the concealed carry laws of other states. This patchwork of laws makes it difficult for Michigan concealed pistol license (CPL) holders to know in which states they can legally conceal carry when traveling. Although most states recognize Michigan's (CPL), at least 11 states do not. A national reciprocity law will allow lawful CPL holders to travel without fear of breaking laws in other states; and

Whereas, Legislation currently pending in Congress, H.R. 38 – The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, would allow legal gun owners with concealed carry permits to carry concealed in any state that allows individuals to carry concealed handguns. Under this legislation, crossing state lines would not affect a lawful individual's ability to carry. States would still regulate the licensing of individuals and carry requirements within their borders; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that authorizes individuals who may legally carry a concealed firearm in one state to legally carry that firearm in any other state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.