

Alabama Reciprocal Gun Law

Since August 1, 2001, the State of Alabama has had the legislative authority to recognize reciprocal concealed weapons permits with other states, due to the passage of **Act 2001-494 (Senate Bill 122)**, which was signed by the Governor on May 15, 2001. This authority is now codified as Title 13A-11-85.

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[Penalty for violation of license to carry a pistol](#)

Any person in violation of Alabama's license to carry a pistol law may be arrested and upon conviction, be subject to a term of imprisonment of not more than one year in the county Jail and a fine of not more than \$500, or both. The pistol will be seized and may be forfeited by court order.

Some States have entered into a reciprocal agreement with the State of Alabama. Generally, for another state to reach an agreement with Alabama, both states' licensing laws must be substantially similar.

NON-RESIDENCE LICENSES

Alabama issues concealed handgun licenses only to residents of Alabama, through the sheriff of their county of residence. Currently, Alabama does not issue carry conceal permits to out of state residents.

OTHER STATES

Firearm laws can be complex. It is the responsibility of each person holding an Alabama carry conceal permit to check with the state/jurisdiction they are traveling to in order to determine whether that state/jurisdiction honors Alabama's permit and whether there are any restrictions or conditions imposed on persons carrying firearms with out-of-state permits there.

Permit holders are reminded that while carrying a valid concealed handgun in another state, they are bound by that state's law concerning concealed handguns. A permit or license holder from another state shall carry their handgun in compliance with the laws of Alabama while they are in this state.

*"This is for informational purposes only to provide our citizens with up-to-date knowledge about the new gun law that will be in effect August 1, 2013. This main thing to remember is that individuals of legal age can now obtain a pistol permit and persons convicted of **Theft of Property III (misdemeanor)** can now obtain a permit."*

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***Coffee County
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***Pistol Permit
Information***



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The Coffee County Sheriff's Office is here to assist you, as a law abiding citizen of Coffee County, in obtaining a permit to carry a concealed pistol. Under Alabama law, Title 13A-11-73, (a) "Except on land under his or her control or in his or her own abode or his or her own fixed place of business, no person shall carry a pistol in any vehicle or concealed on or about his or her person without a permit issued under Section 13A-11-75 or recognized under Section 13A-11-85". Simply put, under Alabama law, you must have a permit to carry a concealed pistol on your person or to carry a loaded pistol, concealed or not, in your vehicle.

The first requirement to obtain a pistol permit from the Coffee County Sheriff's Office is that you must reside in Coffee County. State law requires that you apply for a pistol permit in the County where you reside; however, the permit, once issued, is valid throughout the State of Alabama, as well as any reciprocal state. The law also allows a Sheriff a measure of discretion in determining whether a person is a suitable person to be licensed. The Sheriff is prohibited from issuing a license to carry a pistol to a person who, by law, would be ineligible for such a license. The first step in obtaining your Coffee County Pistol Permit is to TRUTHFULLY fill out a Pistol Permit Application. You must then be able to pass a nationwide criminal history background check which will reveal any local, state, and nationwide arrest. Once this background check is completed, you will then be issued your Alabama pistol permit.



Under state law, the following minimum requirements must be met in order to obtain your Pistol Permit in Coffee County:

1. You must reside in Coffee County (Title 13A-11-75).
2. Provide completely truthful information on the Permit Application (Title 13A-11-81 & 13A-11-75).
3. Not be convicted of a crime of violence as defined in Title 13A-11-70.
4. You must not be a drug addict, habitual drunkard, or be of unsound mind or have required involuntary inpatient or outpatient treatment in a psychiatric hospital or similar treatment facility for any reason, including drug use (Title 13A-11-72 and Title 13A-11-75).
5. You must be a U.S. citizen or have been legally authorized to be in the United States. A person who is unlawfully present in this state may not be issued a permit (Title 13A-11-75).

Under Alabama law, (Title 13A-11-70 and 13A-11-72), persons convicted of the following are forbidden to possess a pistol:

1. Murder
2. Manslaughter (except Manslaughter arising out of the operation of a vehicle)
3. Rape
4. Mayhem
5. Assault with Intent to commit Robbery
6. Assault with Intent to Murder
7. Robbery
8. Burglary
9. Kidnapping
10. Any Class A or Class B Felony that has an element of serious physical injury, the distribution or manufacture of a controlled substance, or is of a sexual nature involving a child under the age of 12.

The Federal Gun Control Act of 1968 and the Federal Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997 makes it illegal for a person who fits into one or more of the following categories to receive or possess a firearm. These laws prevent the Sheriff from issuing a Pistol Permit because it would be illegal for people who fit in these categories, by Federal law, to own or possess a gun.

1. A person who has been convicted, in any court, of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year.
2. A person who is a fugitive from justice.
3. A person who is an unlawful user of, or addicted to, any controlled substance.
4. A person who has been adjudicated as mentally defective or has been committed to a mental institution.
5. A person who is an alien, illegally or unlawfully, in the United States, or an alien admitted to the United States under a non-immigrant visa.
6. A person who has been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions.
7. A person, having been a citizen of the United States, who has renounced his or her citizenship.
8. A person who is subject to a court order that restrains the person from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or child of such intimate partner.
9. A person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence; such a person cannot lawfully receive, possess, ship, or transport a firearm.

