

Rep. Opsommer offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 119.

A resolution to memorialize the Wisconsin Department of Justice to recognize Michigan concealed pistol license holders as being legal to carry concealed weapons in the state of Wisconsin.

Whereas, The Wisconsin Legislature recently enacted 2011 Act 35 authorizing appropriately licensed Wisconsin residents to carry concealed weapons. Prior to July 2011, Wisconsin was one of just two states that did not issue concealed weapon licenses. Wisconsin has now joined with 48 states, Illinois excepted, that issue concealed weapon licenses to qualified residents; and

Whereas, A nonresident of Michigan with a valid concealed pistol license (CPL) from his or her home state may carry in Michigan. The CPL holder must obey all restrictions appearing on their permit as well as adhering to Michigan's CPL law. When the Wisconsin concealed carry law becomes effective in November 2011, Wisconsin residents with a legal concealed permit will be allowed to carry in Michigan; and

Whereas, The Wisconsin Department of Justice has been charged with determining which CPLs issued by other states will be honored in Wisconsin. Residents of those states that require CPL applicants to undergo a background check similar to that required in Wisconsin will be allowed to carry concealed in the state of Wisconsin. Michigan law requires that county sheriffs verify a number of factors concerning a CPL applicant prior to the issuance of a CPL including whether the applicant is allowed to possess, sell, or purchase a firearm and whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony in Michigan or any other state. Such verification provides safety measures to ensure those not qualified to carry concealed do not receive a license; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we respectfully memorialize the Wisconsin Department of Justice to recognize Michigan concealed pistol license holders as legal to carry concealed weapons in the state of Wisconsin; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen, Wisconsin Department of Justice.