WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1998

ENROLLED

House Bill No. 4296
(By Delegates Smirl, Trump, Thomas, Clayton, Kominar and Martin)

Passed March 14, 1998
In Effect Ninety Days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section six, article seven, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to allowing individuals from other states to carry a concealed weapon in this state and authorizing the governor to execute reciprocity agreements with other states and political subdivisions regarding the carrying of concealed weapons.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section six, article seven, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

§61-7-6. Exceptions as to prohibitions against carrying concealed deadly weapons.

1 The licensure provisions set forth in this article shall not apply to:

3 (1) Any person carrying a deadly weapon upon his own premises; nor shall anything herein prevent a person from carrying any firearm, unloaded, from the place of purchase to his or her home, residence or place of business or to a place of repair and back to his or her home, residence or place of business, nor shall anything
herein prohibit a person from possessing a firearm while hunting in a lawful manner or while traveling from his or her home, residence or place of business to a hunting site, and returning to his or her home, residence or place of business;

(2) Any person who is a member of a properly organized target-shooting club authorized by law to obtain firearms by purchase or requisition from this state, or from the United States for the purpose of target practice, from carrying any pistol, as defined in this article, unloaded, from his home, residence or place of business to a place of target practice, and from any such place of target practice back to his home, residence or place of business, for using any such weapon at such place of target practice in training and improving his skill in the use of such weapons;

(3) Any law-enforcement officer or law-enforcement official as such are defined in section one, article twenty-nine, chapter thirty of this code;

(4) Any employee of the West Virginia department of corrections duly appointed pursuant to the provisions of section five, article five, chapter twenty-eight of this code while such employee is on duty;

(5) Any member of the armed forces of the United States or the militia of this state while such member is on duty;

(6) Any circuit judge, including any retired circuit judge designated senior status by the supreme court of appeals of West Virginia, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney or a duly appointed investigator employed by a prosecuting attorney;

(7) Any resident of another state, who has been issued a license to carry a concealed weapon by a state or a political subdivision which has entered into a reciprocity agreement with this state, shall be exempt from the licensing requirements of section four of this article. The governor may execute reciprocity agreements on behalf
of the state of West Virginia with states or political subdivisions which have similar gun permitting laws and which recognize and honor West Virginia licenses issued pursuant to section four of this article.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within ________ approved this the ________ day of ________, 1998.

Governor