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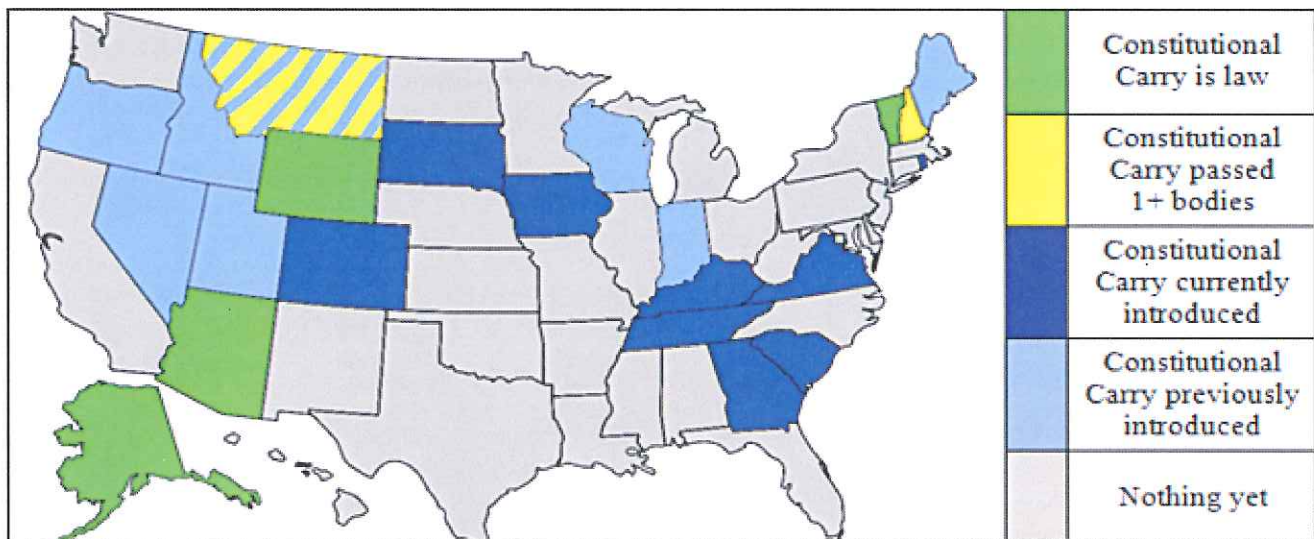
MEMORANDUM: HB 1092 -- PRIOLA -- 2/9/2012
CONCEALED HANDGUN CARRY WITHOUT PERMIT

POSITION: SUPPORT

Constitutional Carry laws are gaining momentum across the country.

Constitutional Carry is the basic principle that if you are legally eligible to purchase a firearm, you should be able to carry that weapon, concealed, for self-defense without government "permission."

- **This legislation does not include felons and other prohibited persons.**
- **It does not abolish the existing permit system.**
- **It will make the permit optional for reasons such as reciprocity.**
- **It does not affect reciprocity agreements**



Criminals do not stop to make sure they have a permit before picking up a firearm with the intent to commit a crime. Victims and law-abiding citizens shouldn't have to jump through hoops, get government permission, pay a tax, all just to exercise their Second Amendment rights to self-defense.

Constitutional Carry is law in Alaska, Arizona, Vermont, and Wyoming. And it's working.

- There is no discernible difference in violent crime rates in any of these states before or after enactment. In some cases crime has actually decreased following enactment.
- Vermont is rated one of the nation's safest states when it comes to violent crime.
- Murder, property crime, burglary and forced rape have actually declined since Constitutional Carry was enacted in Alaska according to the FBI Uniform Crime Reports.
- Vermont and Alaska were cited as two states that have "eliminated" domestic homicide for one year based on data from the FBI's Supplementary Homicide Reports. (http://www.silentwitness.net/states/us_map.htm#state)

SUPPORT CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY