

RESOLUTION NO. 180371

Opposing the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 that is now before the U.S. Congress and urging the City's congressional delegation to oppose it.

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2017, U.S. Representative Richard Hudson introduced H.R. 38 and on February 27, 2017, U.S. Senator John Cornyn introduced S. 446, both known as the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2017, H.R. 38 passed in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, while every state allows concealed carry of firearms under some circumstances, each state has different requirements on who is permitted to carry, what requirements are appropriate, and what type of training should be required of permit holders; and

WHEREAS, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 would allow people with concealed carry permits in one state to carry their weapon in any other state, including those with stricter limits on concealed carry than the state in which they obtained their permit; and

WHEREAS, these bills would lock Missouri into continuing to honor all other state permits in perpetuity, forfeiting Missouri's prerogative to decide whether or not to honor other state permits, eroding basic tenets of federalism; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that firearms are a poor choice for self-defense as they increase the likelihood of death or injury to the possessor; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that proliferation of armed citizens in public is contrary to the public good; and

WHEREAS, our nation is suffering from an epidemic of gun violence which kills over 1,100 Missourians every year, and we must take steps to protect our citizens from this public health crisis; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the City of Kansas City, Missouri, opposes H.R.38 and S.446, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, and calls on its City's congressional delegation to vote against, and to work with their colleagues to oppose, these bills.

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Authenticated as Passed

  
Sly James, Mayor

  
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Date Passed