

# Pennsylvania Carrier's Reciprocity Impact Guide

What your PA license actually gets you in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and New Jersey

## The headline finding: most of this is already true today, before Pennsylvania Senate Bill 357 changes anything.

This guide is built for Pennsylvania LTC holders who regularly cross into Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, or New Jersey. It answers one question: if Pennsylvania eventually adopts permitless carry under SB 357, does that change where you can legally carry once you leave the state? The short answer is no, for three of your four closest neighbors, reciprocity has nothing to do with whether Pennsylvania requires a license. It never did.

## Current Reciprocity Status, Verified State by State

Checked against the Pennsylvania Attorney General's official reciprocity list and each destination state's own attorney general or department of justice page. Current as of July 2026.

State	Honors a PA LTC today?	Changes if SB 357 passes?	Bottom line
Maryland	No	No change either way	Do not rely on a PA license to carry in MD, permitless or not
Delaware	No	No change either way	PA is not on Delaware's honored-state list today, and SB 357 does not add it
Virginia	Yes	No change either way	Virginia honors all out-of-state permits, and renewed its PA agreement in June 2025
New Jersey	No	No change either way	NJ recognizes almost no out-of-state permits; treat any PA carry credential as invalid there

"No change either way" means SB 357 does not affect this state's recognition of a Pennsylvania credential, because these states either honor everyone (Virginia) or honor almost no one (Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey) regardless of whether Pennsylvania itself requires a license.

## Why Permitless Status in PA Doesn't Travel With You

Reciprocity agreements recognize a specific credential, issued through a specific legal process, not a state's general philosophy on carry. Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey built their reciprocity rules around which other states' licenses they choose to honor. None of those rules are triggered by whether Pennsylvania requires a license to carry inside its own borders.

If SB 357 eventually passes, a Pennsylvania resident who carries without an LTC will have a fully legal method of carry inside Pennsylvania, and no recognized carry status in Maryland, Delaware, or New Jersey, the exact

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same situation as today.

### Before You Cross a State Line

- Maryland or New Jersey: plan to carry unloaded and secured under federal transport law (18 U.S.C. Section 926A), not on your person, unless you separately hold a credential either state actually honors.
- Delaware: same approach. Delaware only honors states that mutually honor Delaware, and that arrangement does not currently include Pennsylvania.
- Virginia: your current PA LTC works today and would continue to work regardless of what SB 357 does, since Virginia's recognition is not conditioned on Pennsylvania's licensing requirement.
- Every state on this list: confirm current status directly with that state's attorney general or state police page before you travel. Reciprocity lists change without much notice.

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*This guide is general legal information, not legal advice, and reflects the status of Pennsylvania Senate Bill 357 and neighboring-state reciprocity rules as of July 2026. Reciprocity agreements can change with little public notice. Confirm current rules directly with your destination state before every trip, and consult a licensed firearms attorney in your jurisdiction for guidance on your specific situation.*

*Sources: Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Concealed Carry Reciprocity page ([attorneygeneral.gov](http://attorneygeneral.gov)); Delaware Department of Justice, Concealed Carry of a Deadly Weapon reciprocity list; Virginia State Police reciprocity data; New Jersey and Maryland statutory non-recognition of out-of-state carry permits.*