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### MEMORANDUM

Date: April 13, 2009

To: Representative John Coghill  
Chairman House Rules Committee

From: Representative Jay Ramras  
Chairman House Judiciary Committee

Re: Referral File SJR10

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Please accept this memo as the referral file for SJR10. Attached are the following documents:

- Sponsor Statement
- SJR10 26-LS0675VA
- LEG Zero Fiscal Note
- HJUD Committee Report

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



SENATOR JOE THOMAS

## **SJR 10 - Urging the United States Congress to adopt S. 371, the Respecting States Rights and Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2009**

### **Sponsor Statement**

The right to keep and bear arms is one of the rights most cherished by Alaskans. Our history and culture is tightly bound to our outdoor and sporting heritage. Residents of Alaska and Vermont enjoy some of the greatest freedoms in the country with regards to concealed carry. Senate Joint Resolution 10 supports federal legislation that recognizes and protects our unique situation.

The Respecting States Rights and Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act was introduced by U.S. Senators David Vitter (LA) and John Thune (SD). A House companion bill, H.R. 197, has been introduced by Representatives Cliff Stearns' (R-Fla.) and Rick Boucher (D-Va.) The bill would allow those American citizens who are licensed or otherwise authorized by their state government to carry a concealed firearm to lawfully carry concealed firearms in other states, in accordance with local laws. Provisions in the law ensure that residents of states like Alaska and Vermont, which have unique concealed carry laws, are not prohibited from enjoying the same rights as those residents from states with more common "conceal and carry" laws.

This piece of federal legislation respects state laws by requiring carriers of concealed firearms to follow all applicable state statutes governing concealed firearms. Currently, many states offer reciprocity agreements to other states with similar concealed carry laws. However, these agreements can change or lapse. For instance, North Dakota recently phased out the training requirement from the concealed carry-licensing process. This resulted in the lapse of several reciprocity agreements between North Dakota and other states. Such shifting agreements can make it difficult for a bearer of a concealed firearm to keep track of which states offer reciprocity.

Federal passage of the Respecting States Rights and Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act would establish a nationwide reciprocity agreement, and place the duty to comply with local and state concealed carry laws squarely on the shoulders of the citizen. Individuals must follow the laws of the host state, including laws concerning specific locations where firearms may not be carried. Additionally, any individual prohibited by federal law from carrying a firearm will continue to be prohibited under the bill.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: SJR 10  
 (S) Publish Date: 3/18/09

Identifier (file name): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: None  
 Title Adopt S. 371 in Congress RDU \_\_\_\_\_  
 Component \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor Senator Thomas  
 Requester Senate Judiciary Committee Component Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2010	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>								
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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 Division: Legislative Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved by: Senate Judiciary Chairman Senator Hollis French Date 3/16/2009

