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Sponsor Statement Concealed Handgun Birthday Permit HB 201

June 2003 Alaska Governor Frank Murkowski signed into law the bill allowing citizens to carry firearms concealed without getting a permit. The bill had 33 co-sponsors, from both chambers, and passed on a veto-proof vote of 28 to 12 in the House and 12 to 8 in the Senate.

The permit is still available for those who would want to travel to other states that have reciprocity with Alaska. Since the permit is not necessary in Alaska some permit holders forget the renewal date.

This bill changes the expiration date of a concealed handgun permit from five years from the date of issue to the person's birthday. The first year is a transitional year where the permit will be issued for a minimum of 4 year and how ever many months it is until the person's birthday. All permits after that will be for 5 years.