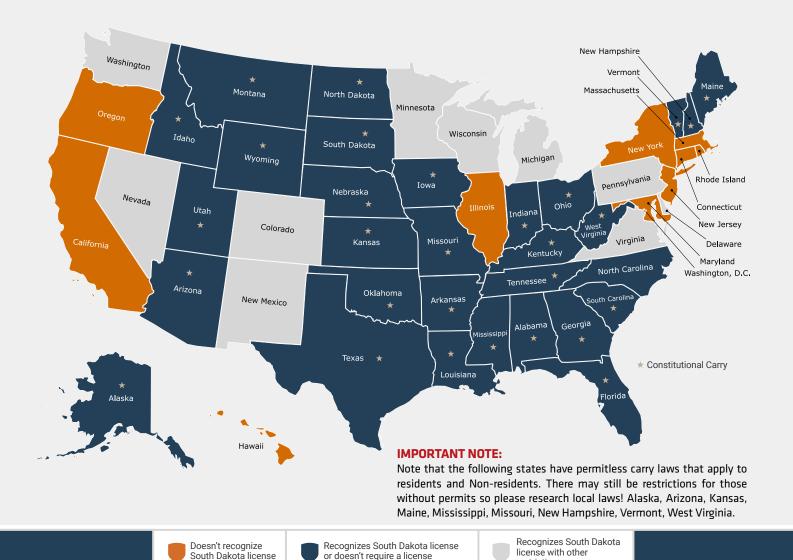
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FEDERAL SAFE PASSAGE LAW

The Federal Safe Passage Law (18 U.S. Code § 926A) allows law-abiding individuals to transport unloaded firearms and ammunition across state lines for lawful purposes, even through states with stricter gun laws. To qualify, firearms must be unloaded and stored in a locked, inaccessible container, with ammunition also secured. This provision protects against prosecution during direct transit, but it's an affirmative defense in some states, meaning individuals might still face arrest and need to assert this federal protection in court.



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