



## Oppose Michigan H 4003, H 4005, & H 4416: Concealed Carry with No Permit and No Training

- ❑ **Bottom Line:** The gun lobby is pushing legislation in Michigan that would let people carry hidden, loaded handguns in public without a permit or safety training. Dismantling the permit requirement would lower the bar for who may carry concealed handguns in public in Michigan, and would let dangerous individuals legally carry hidden, loaded handguns in crowded town centers and on city streets. Lawmakers should put the safety of their constituents first and reject permitless carry in Michigan.
- ❑ **The vast majority of states require that a person get a permit before carrying a concealed gun in public.**
  - In the vast majority of US states, including Michigan, a person must have a permit to carry a loaded, concealed handgun in public. These laws ensure that core public safety standards are preserved when people carry guns in public places.
  - Permitless carry bills seek to repeal these important public safety laws, and allow people to carry concealed guns in public without a permit or safety training.
  - **Eighty-eight percent** of Americans think a person should get a permit before carrying a concealed handgun in public.<sup>1</sup>
- ❑ **Permitless carry would dramatically lower the bar for who can carry a concealed handgun in public in Michigan—to include dangerous criminals and those with no firearms safety training.**
  - **Violent criminals:** Under current Michigan law, people who have recently been convicted of assault, aggravated assault, or child abuse may not receive concealed pistol licenses.<sup>2</sup> But permitless carry would allow these dangerous criminals to legally carry hidden, loaded handguns throughout the state.
  - **No firearms safety training:** Most states require a handgun safety course before a person can get a permit and carry a concealed handgun. Under current Michigan law, applicants for concealed pistol licenses must complete a certified handgun safety training course that includes live-fire training.<sup>3</sup> But under permitless carry, people who have never handled a gun before would be able to legally carry hidden, loaded handguns on our city streets.
  - **Stalkers and sex criminals:** Under current Michigan law, people recently convicted of stalking, criminal sexual conduct, or indecent exposure are not eligible for concealed pistol licenses.<sup>4</sup> But permitless carry would allow these dangerous criminals to legally carry hidden, loaded handguns throughout the state.
  - **Drug criminals and repeat drunk drivers:** Under current Michigan law, people who have recently been convicted of certain drug crimes or more than one drunk driving offense do not qualify to receive concealed pistol licenses.<sup>5</sup> But permitless carry would allow these dangerous criminals to legally carry hidden, loaded handguns throughout the state.

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<sup>1</sup> Strategies 360 Survey, March 2015.

<sup>2</sup> MCLS § 28.425b(7)(h)(ix).

<sup>3</sup> MCLS §§ 28.425b(7)(c), 28.425j(1)(b).

<sup>4</sup> MCLS § 28.425(7)(h)(ix).

<sup>5</sup> MCLS § 28.425(7)(h)(vi), (7)(h)(i).