

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

April 8, 2022

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 518** in its entirety.

This bill would expand conceal carry reciprocity by allowing an out-of-state resident with authorization issued by any other state to carry a concealed weapon in Wisconsin. Currently, the Wisconsin Department of Justice maintains a reciprocity list that outlines those states whose permits are honored in Wisconsin. Other states' permits are only honored if they require as part of the license, or designate that the holder chose to submit to, a background search comparable to the type of background check required for Wisconsin licenses. This bill removes the requirement that the issuing state is on this list.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to letting non-residents carry concealed weapons in our state without having met the same criteria as Wisconsin residents. The department's background check process serves a critical public safety function. This bill would risk public safety by allowing out-of-state residents to enter our state, carry concealed weapons, and avoid the same background check process that a Wisconsin licensee must undergo.

Respectfully submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor