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## SENATOR JAY MORRIS FILES CONSTITUTIONAL CONCEALED CARRY OF FIREARMS BILL



**March 30, 2021** - Senator Jay Morris (R-West Monroe) has filed <u>Senate Bill</u> <u>118</u>, which will confirm citizens' constitutional right to bear arms, including carrying a concealed weapon without the necessity of a permit. The bill will allow all persons over the age of 21 who are not convicted felons to carry a concealed weapon without obtaining a concealed carry permit.

This measure is often referred to as a "constitutional carry law," which 18 other states have already passed. "It's time Louisiana joined the other 18

states which have passed constitutional carry," said Senator Morris. "This bill really shouldn't be necessary as our right to bear arms is already established under the Second Amendment, and any limitations on that right should be narrow."

The bill would allow Louisiana residents to continue obtaining permits if a resident needs reciprocity with other states that have a permit requirement. The bill keeps the prohibition that those that are legally intoxicated from drugs or alcohol cannot carry a concealed weapon. The bill has been assigned to Senate Committee Judiciary C.

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