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New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman believes proposed legislation in Congress would have a "devastating effect" on the state's ability to fight gun violence.

The National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act (H.R. 822) has 245 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives, including area Representatives Ann Marie Buerkle and Richard Hanna.

According to the legislation's summary and a summary available on the National Rifle Association's website, if approved the bill would allow a person with a valid permit to carry a concealed firearm from one state to carry a concealed firearm in states that issue concealed firearm permits. As explained by the NRA, the bill "would require the states to recognize each others' carry permits, just as they recognize drivers' licenses and carry permits held by armored car guards."

In a letter to U.S. Senate leaders, Schneiderman called on the upper house to reject the legislation, which is expected to pass the House soon.

"Forcing us to honor gun permits from other states will dramatically increase the threat posed by firearms in our state by restricting our ability to control who may and may not carry a concealed weapon in all or parts of the state, undermining the ability of police to verify the validity of gun permits (as no national database exists) and allowing gun traffickers to more easily bring illegal guns into the state," Schneiderman said in his letter.

The New York State Rifle and Pistol Association said it was "deeply disappointed" with Schneiderman's position and his opposition to the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act.

"In opposing H.R. 822, Schneiderman makes it clear that a citizen's Second Amendment civil rights can be abridged by nothing more than arbitrary political boundaries. Worse, he gives his full support to New York's notorious Sullivan Act which not only permits, but encourages, discrimination based upon a person's race, religion, sexual orientation and economic status."

NYSRPA called on Congress to pass the legislation.
