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MS Gun Law Update

I previously blogged on [Mississippi gun law basics](#). Since that blog the Mississippi legislature passed and tweaked one aspect of the prior law and also added additional safeguards to persons possessing a concealed carry permit.



First the tweak. Prior to the change, a concealed weapon had to be “completely concealed” at all times to be legal. Having your firearm in a holster on your hip covered by a jacket was fine, but if you reached for it, adjusted it, and it became visible it was no longer “concealed,” and therefore a violation of the law. The new law provides that incidental “unconcealment” is not a violation. This is just a common sense change in the law.

Now the safeguard. Mississippi, along with 32 other states, now prohibits the release of the names of persons with a concealed carry permit. This is a safety issue as a New York newspaper recently published the names of all persons in Westchester County that had a concealed carry permit issued to them by the state. After the article was published a home was specifically targeted for robbery due to the fact that the newspaper suspected they could steal guns. Now whether a person has a concealed carry permit is protected from disclosure pursuant to Freedom of Information Act requests. Though the information regarding concealed carry permits is still available to law enforcement and via valid subpoena.

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