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M.G.L. c. 140, §129C states:

(i) A nonresident who is at least 18 years of age may possess rifles and shotguns that are not large capacity or semi-automatic and ammunition therefor if the nonresident has a permit, card or license **issued from their state of residence which has substantially similar requirements to those of the commonwealth for a firearm identification card as determined by the colonel of the state police pursuant to subsection (l)**;

(j) A nonresident who is at least 18 years of age may possess rifles and shotguns that are not large capacity or semi-automatic and ammunition therefor: (i) to hunt during hunting season with a nonresident hunting license or a hunting license or permit **lawfully issued from their state of residence, which has substantially similar requirements to those in section 11 of chapter 131, as determined by the colonel of the state police pursuant to subsection (l)**].

The Department, in compliance with M.G.L. c. 140, §129C (l), publishes the following lists of states with firearms licensing schemes substantially similar to that of Massachusetts and states with substantially similar requirements for the issuance of hunting licenses.

Nonresidents who are lawfully licensed to possess firearms in any of the below listed states may possess rifles and shotguns that are not large capacity or semi-automatic and ammunition.

States with Substantially Similar Requirements for a Firearm Identification Card

1. California
2. Colorado
3. Connecticut
4. Delaware
5. District of Columbia
6. Hawaii
7. Illinois
8. Maryland
9. Michigan
10. Minnesota
11. Nevada
12. New Jersey

13. New Mexico
14. New York
15. North Carolina
16. Ohio
17. Rhode Island
18. South Carolina
19. Washington

Nonresidents who possess a hunting license from one of the below listed states may possess rifles and shotguns that are not large capacity or semi-automatic and ammunition to hunt during hunting season in the Commonwealth:

States with Hunter Education Course Requirement

1. Alaska (Only for certain areas)
2. Arizona
3. Arkansas
4. California
5. Colorado
6. Connecticut
7. Delaware
8. Florida
9. Georgia
10. Hawaii
11. Idaho – Not required if licensed in another state.
12. Illinois – Not required if licensed in another state.
13. Indiana
14. Iowa
15. Kansas
16. Kentucky
17. Louisiana
18. Maine
19. Maryland
20. Massachusetts
21. Michigan
22. Minnesota
23. Mississippi
24. Missouri
25. Montana
26. Nebraska – Only required for ages 12-29.
27. Nevada – Not required if licensed in another state.
28. New Hampshire
29. New Jersey
30. New Mexico – Only required if under age 18.
31. New York
32. North Carolina
33. North Dakota
34. Ohio
35. Oklahoma – Only required if under age 30.

36. Oregon – Only required if under age 18.
37. Pennsylvania – Not required if licensed in another state.
38. South Carolina
39. South Dakota – Only required if under age 16.
40. Tennessee
41. Texas
42. Utah
43. Vermont
44. Virginia – Only required for ages 12-15.
45. Washington
46. West Virginia
47. Wisconsin – Military members are exempt from requirement.
48. Wyoming – Not required if licensed in another state. Military and Law Enforcement are exempt from requirement.