Two Midwest states have two very different new laws on guns

Within weeks of being sworn into office, two of the Midwest’s newly elected governors took action on gun legislation, though the two measures have very different aims. South Dakota’s SB 47 was the first bill signed into law by Gov. Kristi Noem. It allows individuals to carry a concealed handgun without a permit. South Dakota joins two other Midwestern states (Kansas and North Dakota are the others) with so-called “constitutional carry” laws, according to the National Rifle Association. South Dakota still has restrictions on who can carry a concealed weapon, The (Sioux Falls) Argus Leader reports, and individuals may still want a permit for reciprocity with other states.

One of the first actions taken by Illinois’ new governor, J.B. Pritzker, was the signing of SB 337, which allows the state to regulate gun dealers and to gather information on private sales and illegal gun transfers. With the new law in place, gun dealers must be certified by Illinois State Police and provide annual training to employees. Gun stores also must have a video surveillance system. The cost of certification is up to $300 for sellers without a retail location and up to $1,500 for retailers, the Chicago Tribune reports.

According to the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, Indiana and Wisconsin also require gun dealers to obtain state licenses.
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