The Enhanced Permit gives South Dakota residents greater reciprocity and recognition in states such as Minnesota and Nebraska that have stricter concealed weapon requirements. In NE and MN an individual must be 21 years of age and have an Enhanced Permit to carry concealed.

An enhanced permit issued on or after January 1, 2017, is an optional permit that will allow approved permit holders the ability to present the permit to a retailer when purchasing a firearm, in lieu of a National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and leave with the firearm. The card proves passage of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) on the spot.

Benefits
• Purchase exemption
• Recognition for concealed carry within 31 other states (same as the Regular Permit)
• Additional recognition for concealed carry within 7 more states, including Minnesota and Nebraska

Requirements
• Apply with your County Sheriff
• Certification of completion of qualifying handgun course, which includes use of force training, basic concepts, self-defense principles and live fire training
• Completion of a FBI fingerprint background check, including fee of $43.25 to DCI for processing
• Authorization to conduct the fingerprint background check
• Application fee of $100 for permit
• Card holders issued on or after 01/01/2017 are subject to periodic NICS background checks to ensure continued eligibility

Renewal
• Every five years, with renewal fee of $50 if renewed between 180 days prior and 30 days after expiration
• Certification of completion of live fire component of qualifying handgun course, use of force standards, and relevant criminal statutory changes
• Renewal includes FBI fingerprint background check with fee of $43.25 to DCI for processing

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