

LAW ENFORCEMENT MESSAGE

AN ACT CONCERNING FIREARMS AND AMENDING N.J.S. 2C:58-3 APPROVED 7-5-2022

Please take the time to review the recently amended firearms statute. AN ACT concerning firearms and amending N.J.S.2C:58-3. This act shall take effect immediately (Approved July 5, 2022). Before making any policy decisions or changes to your firearms issuing process, consult with your Municipal Attorney.

Under 2C:58-3 (c) (11) and (d), the wording of the statute has been amended:

In order to obtain a permit to purchase a handgun or a firearms purchaser identification card, the applicant shall demonstrate that, within four years prior to the date of the application, the applicant satisfactorily completed a course of instruction approved by the superintendent in the lawful and safe handling and storage of firearms. The applicant shall be required to demonstrate completion of a course of instruction only once prior to obtaining either a firearms purchaser identification card or the applicant's first permit to purchase a handgun.

The applicant shall not be required to demonstrate completion of a course of instruction in order to obtain any subsequent permit to purchase a handgun, to replace an existing firearms purchaser identification card, or to renew a firearms purchaser identification card.

An applicant who is a law enforcement officer who has satisfied the requirements of subsection j. of N.J.S.2C:39-6, a retired law enforcement officer who has satisfied the requirements of subsection l. of N.J.S.2C:39-6, or a veteran who was honorably discharged as a member of the United States Armed Forces or National Guard who received substantially equivalent training shall not be required to complete the course of instruction required pursuant to the provisions of this subsection.

A person who obtained a permit to purchase a handgun or a firearms purchaser identification card prior to the effective date of P.L.2022, c.58 shall not be required to complete a course of instruction pursuant to this subsection.

d. Issuance. *The chief of police* of an organized full-time police department of the municipality where the applicant resides or the superintendent, in all other cases, shall upon application, issue to any person qualified *under the provisions of subsection c.* of this section a permit to purchase a handgun or a firearms purchaser identification card.

https://legiscan.com/NJ/text/A4370/id/2603031/New_Jersey-2022-A4370-Chaptered.html

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