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AN ACT to amend the general business law and the penal law, in relation to preventing the sale of firearms, rifles, and shotguns to criminals

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Legislative findings and declaration. The legislature here-  
2 by finds and declares as follows:  
3 1. Firearms, rifles and shotguns are used to kill nearly 30,000 indi-  
4 viduals in the United States every year, including 1,000 individuals in  
5 New York state alone. Additionally, there are 100,000 non-fatal injuries  
6 across the country. The federal government has largely ignored this  
7 public health crisis and has left it up to state and local governments  
8 to protect its citizens. Firearm violence also costs millions of dollars  
9 and causes incalculable emotional damage, devastating families and  
10 communities throughout the country. Therefore, the state of New York  
11 has a strong interest in reducing violence and crimes that involve the  
12 use of firearms and the illegal trafficking of firearms. Illegal guns  
13 obtained throughout the state end up in the hands of criminals, youth  
14 and violent individuals who use them to threaten, maim and kill.  
15 2. There is a thriving underground market for illegal firearms, large-  
16 ly driven by demand from drug gangs and other criminals. A highly effi-  
17 cient and continuous business practice exists in which firearms are  
18 moved from legal manufacture and sale to prohibited purchasers, making  
19 them illegal firearms. In 2001, approximately 12,000 illegal firearms,  
20 rifles and shotguns were seized in New York state. From November 2000  
21 to April 2002, 2700 crime guns were entered into the state crime gun

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 database. In 2008, according to a review by the federal bureau of alco-  
2 hol, tobacco, firearms, and explosives (ATF) of trace data compiled for  
3 several regions in the state, including Albany, Buffalo, Rochester,  
4 Syracuse, Long Island and New York City that calendar year, 9,558  
5 firearms were submitted to be traced, 2,659 of which were long guns.  
6 Outside New York City, long guns are sold without a permit. Forty-six  
7 percent of the firearms recovered in 2008 were found outside New York  
8 City. A significant portion of guns involved in crimes upstate origi-  
9 nate within the state. In fact, youth data reveals that in 2000, 40% of  
10 the crime guns in Buffalo originated within a five-mile radius of that  
11 city.

12 3. A substantial portion of illegal firearms are diverted to the ille-  
13 gal market through licensed gun dealers. Rogue gun dealers play a key  
14 role in this market. These rogue dealers funnel guns to the illegal  
15 market through a variety of channels. One of the most common means is to  
16 allow "straw purchases". A straw purchase occurs when a person purchases  
17 a gun on behalf of a prohibited person. The ATF conducted an investi-  
18 gation of gun trafficking from July 1996 to December 1998 and found that  
19 almost 26,000 trafficked firearms were associated with investigations in  
20 which there was a straw purchaser. Almost 50% of all trafficking inves-  
21 tigation involved straw purchasers, with an average of 37 firearms  
22 trafficked per investigation. Another issue, according to a 2008 report  
23 by Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Inside Straw Purchasing: How Criminals  
24 Get Guns Illegally, is that many traffickers return to the same store  
25 again and again once they have identified it as one in which they can  
26 make straw purchases easily. Although most gun dealers operate their  
27 businesses legally and responsibly, some gun dealers who are corrupt or  
28 maintain shoddy recordkeeping practices flood the streets with illegal  
29 weapons as a result of their unrestricted access to new gun inventory  
30 and the unwillingness of gun manufacturers to terminate their supply to  
31 these rogue dealers. Current federal and state regulation has not curbed  
32 the business practice of illegal gun dealers. According to a 2004 study  
33 by Americans for Gun Safety, of the 120 worst gun dealers in the coun-  
34 try, namely those dealers with an average of 500 crime guns traced to  
35 them, 96 were still in operation.

36 4. Moreover, this problem is not limited to unlicensed sellers, and  
37 clearly includes federal firearms licensees (FFLs). Indeed, although  
38 FFLs were involved in under 10% of the trafficking investigations under-  
39 taken by ATF, they were associated with the largest number of diverted  
40 firearms--over 40,000 guns, which is nearly half of the total number of  
41 trafficked firearms documented during the two-year period of ATF's  
42 investigation. Additionally, a 2008 report by Mayors Against Illegal  
43 Guns indicated that several states which allow state authorities to  
44 supplement the federal ATF inspections with routine inspections provide  
45 law enforcement with more opportunities to uncover dealers in violation  
46 of the law. These inspections also help identify dealers who exercise  
47 lax oversight over their inventory and may lead to improved compliance  
48 with federal, state and local laws.

49 5. Current New York state laws governing firearm dealers are inade-  
50 quate to prevent the diversion of firearms to the illegal marketplace.  
51 Additional protections that are needed include, but are not limited to,  
52 better gun dealer internal compliance procedures, programs to eliminate  
53 straw purchases, increased liability insurance, improved security meas-  
54 ures, reducing youth access, mandatory training for gun dealer employ-  
55 ees, and improved recordkeeping requirements. The additional protections

1 set forth in this act will greatly enhance the state's efforts to reduce  
2 criminal activity in the state.

3 S 2. Article 40 and sections 900 and 901 of the general business law,  
4 as renumbered by chapter 407 of the laws of 1973, are renumbered article  
5 50 and sections 1001 and 1002 and a new article 40 is added to read as  
6 follows:

7 ARTICLE 40

8 PREVENTING THE SALE OF FIREARMS,  
9 RIFLES, AND SHOTGUNS TO CRIMINALS

10 SECTION 900. DEFINITIONS.

11 901. REASONABLE MEASURES TO PREVENT SALES AND  
12 TRANSFERS TO CRIMINALS.

13 902. SECURITY.

14 903. ACCESS TO FIREARMS, RIFLES, AND SHOTGUNS.

15 904. LOCATION OF FIREARM, RIFLE, AND SHOTGUN SALES.

16 905. EMPLOYEE TRAINING.

17 906. RETAIL SALES OF FIREARMS, RIFLES, AND SHOTGUNS.

18 907. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS.

19 908. COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT.

20 909. INTERNAL COMPLIANCE AND CERTIFICATION.

21 910. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

22 911. VIOLATIONS.

23 S 900. DEFINITIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE:

24 1. "DEALER" MEANS ANY PERSON, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, OR  
25 COMPANY WHO ENGAGES IN THE BUSINESS OF PURCHASING, SELLING, KEEPING FOR  
26 SALE, LENDING, LEASING, OR IN ANY MANNER DISPOSING OF, ANY FIREARM,  
27 RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN.

28 2. "DISPOSE OF" MEANS TO DISPOSE OF, GIVE, GIVE AWAY, LEASE, LEND,  
29 KEEP FOR SALE, OFFER, OFFER FOR SALE, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE  
30 DISPOSE OF.

31 3. "FIREARM" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVI-  
32 SION THREE OF SECTION 265.00 OF THE PENAL LAW.

33 4. "FIREARM EXHIBITOR" MEANS ANY PERSON, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, CORPO-  
34 RATION, OR COMPANY THAT EXHIBITS, SELLS, OFFERS FOR SALE, TRANSFERS, OR  
35 EXCHANGES FIREARMS, RIFLES, OR SHOTGUNS AT A GUN SHOW.

36 5. "GUN SHOW" MEANS AN EVENT SPONSORED, WHETHER FOR PROFIT OR NOT, BY  
37 AN INDIVIDUAL, NATIONAL, STATE, OR LOCAL ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, OR  
38 OTHER ENTITY DEVOTED TO THE COLLECTION, COMPETITIVE USE, SPORTING USE,  
39 OR ANY OTHER LEGAL USE OF FIREARMS, RIFLES, OR SHOTGUNS, OR AN EVENT AT  
40 WHICH: (A) TWENTY PERCENT OR MORE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS ARE  
41 FIREARM EXHIBITORS; (B) TEN OR MORE FIREARM EXHIBITORS ARE PARTICIPAT-  
42 ING; (C) A TOTAL OF TWENTY-FIVE OR MORE PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS ARE OFFERED  
43 FOR SALE OR TRANSFER; OR (D) A TOTAL OF FIFTY OR MORE FIREARMS, RIFLES,  
44 OR SHOTGUNS ARE OFFERED FOR SALE OR TRANSFER. THE TERM "GUN SHOW" SHALL  
45 INCLUDE ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR FACILITY WHERE FIREARMS, RIFLES, OR  
46 SHOTGUNS ARE OFFERED FOR SALE OR TRANSFER AND ANY GROUNDS USED IN  
47 CONNECTION WITH THE EVENT.

48 6. "RETAIL DEALER" MEANS ANY DEALER ENGAGED IN THE RETAIL BUSINESS OF  
49 SELLING FIREARMS, RIFLES, OR SHOTGUNS.

50 7. "RIFLE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION  
51 ELEVEN OF SECTION 265.00 OF THE PENAL LAW.

52 8. "SHOTGUN" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVI-  
53 SION TWELVE OF SECTION 265.00 OF THE PENAL LAW.

54 9. "STRAW PURCHASE" MEANS THE PURCHASE, OR ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE, BY A  
55 PERSON OF A FIREARM, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN FOR, ON BEHALF OF, OR FOR THE USE  
56 OF ANOTHER PERSON, KNOWING THAT IT WOULD BE UNLAWFUL FOR SUCH OTHER

1 PERSON TO POSSESS SUCH FIREARM, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN, OR AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE  
2 SUCH A PURCHASE.

3 10. "STRAW PURCHASER" MEANS A PERSON WHO, KNOWING THAT IT WOULD BE  
4 UNLAWFUL FOR ANOTHER PERSON TO POSSESS A FIREARM, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN,  
5 PURCHASES OR ATTEMPTS TO PURCHASE A FIREARM, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN FOR, ON  
6 BEHALF OF, OR FOR THE USE OF SUCH OTHER PERSON.

7 11. "SUPERINTENDENT" MEANS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE POLICE.

8 S 901. REASONABLE MEASURES TO PREVENT SALES AND TRANSFERS TO CRIMI-  
9 NALS. EVERY DEALER SHALL ADOPT REASONABLE MEASURES TO PREVENT FIREARMS,  
10 RIFLES, AND SHOTGUNS FROM BEING DIVERTED FROM THE LEGAL STREAM OF  
11 COMMERCE, INTENTIONALLY OR OTHERWISE, FOR LATER SALE, TRANSFER, OR  
12 DISPOSAL TO INDIVIDUALS NOT LEGALLY ENTITLED TO PURCHASE OR POSSESS SUCH  
13 WEAPONS. SUCH MEASURES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO,  
14 PROGRAMS TO ELIMINATE SALES TO STRAW PURCHASERS AND TO OTHERWISE THWART  
15 ILLEGAL GUN TRAFFICKING. THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL DEVELOP PROGRAMS  
16 DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE SALES TO STRAW PURCHASERS AND TO OTHERWISE THWART  
17 ILLEGAL GUN TRAFFICKING. WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
18 ARTICLE, THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE  
19 DETAILING SUCH PROGRAMS, INCLUDING ESTABLISHING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR  
20 SUCH PROGRAMS.

21 S 902. SECURITY. EVERY DEALER SHALL IMPLEMENT A SECURITY PLAN FOR  
22 SECURING FIREARMS, RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS, INCLUDING FIREARMS, RIFLES AND  
23 SHOTGUNS IN SHIPMENT. THE PLAN MUST SATISFY AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING  
24 REQUIREMENTS:

25 1. DISPLAY CASES SHALL BE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN REMOVING A  
26 SINGLE FIREARM, RIFLE OR SHOTGUN TO SHOW A CUSTOMER, AND CUSTOMERS SHALL  
27 HANDLE FIREARMS, RIFLES OR SHOTGUNS ONLY UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF  
28 AN EMPLOYEE;

29 2. ALL FIREARMS, RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS SHALL BE SECURED, OTHER THAN  
30 DURING BUSINESS HOURS, IN A LOCKED FIREPROOF SAFE OR VAULT IN THE  
31 LICENSEE'S BUSINESS PREMISES OR IN A SIMILAR SECURED AND LOCKED AREA;  
32 AND

33 3. AMMUNITION SHALL BE STORED SEPARATELY FROM THE FIREARMS, RIFLES AND  
34 SHOTGUNS AND OUT OF REACH OF THE CUSTOMERS.

35 S 903. ACCESS TO FIREARMS, RIFLES, AND SHOTGUNS. EVERY RETAIL DEALER  
36 SHALL EXCLUDE ALL PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE FROM THOSE  
37 PORTIONS OF ITS PREMISES WHERE FIREARMS, RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, OR AMMUNITION  
38 ARE STOCKED OR SOLD, UNLESS SUCH PERSON IS ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR  
39 GUARDIAN.

40 S 904. LOCATION OF FIREARM, RIFLE, AND SHOTGUN SALES. EVERY DEALER  
41 SHALL SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF FIREARMS, RIFLES, AND SHOTGUNS ONLY  
42 AT THE LOCATION LISTED ON THE DEALER'S FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSE OR AT  
43 GUN SHOWS.

44 S 905. EMPLOYEE TRAINING. EVERY RETAIL DEALER SHALL PROVIDE TRAINING  
45 TO ALL EMPLOYEES AND OTHER PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN THE RETAIL SALE OF  
46 FIREARMS, RIFLES, AND SHOTGUNS RELATING TO:

47 1. THE LAW GOVERNING FIREARM, RIFLE, AND SHOTGUN TRANSFERS BY FEDERAL  
48 FIREARMS LICENSEES AND INDIVIDUALS;

49 2. HOW TO RECOGNIZE STRAW PURCHASES AND OTHER ATTEMPTS TO PURCHASE  
50 FIREARMS, RIFLES, OR SHOTGUNS ILLEGALLY;

51 3. HOW TO TEACH CONSUMERS RULES OF GUN SAFETY, INCLUDING BUT NOT  
52 LIMITED TO THE SAFE HANDLING AND STORAGE OF FIREARMS, RIFLES, AND SHOT-  
53 GUNS; AND

54 4. HOW TO COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF SECTION NINE HUNDRED SIX OF THIS  
55 ARTICLE.

1 NO EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF ANY RETAIL DEALER SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE  
2 SALE OR DISPOSITION OF FIREARMS, RIFLES, OR SHOTGUNS UNLESS SUCH PERSON  
3 IS AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AND HAS FIRST RECEIVED THE TRAINING  
4 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION. THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL PROMULGATE REGU-  
5 LATIONS SETTING FORTH MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF  
6 RECORDS OF SUCH TRAINING.

7 S 906. RETAIL SALES OF FIREARMS, RIFLES, AND SHOTGUNS. 1. NO RETAIL  
8 DEALER SHALL SELL, DELIVER, LEASE, OR TRANSFER ANY FIREARM, RIFLE, OR  
9 SHOTGUN TO ANY RETAIL CUSTOMER UNLESS SUCH RETAIL DEALER HAS: (A)  
10 CONDUCTED THE REQUIRED NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND  
11 COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF 18 U.S.C. 922(T); (B) SHOWN THE TRANS-  
12 FEREE HOW TO LOAD AND UNLOAD THE FIREARM, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN, HOW TO  
13 ENGAGE AND DISENGAGE ALL SAFETY DEVICES, AND HOW TO SAFELY STORE THE  
14 WEAPON; (C) PROVIDED THE TRANSFEREE WITH A GUN LOCKING DEVICE AS  
15 REQUIRED BY SECTION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX-EE OF THIS CHAPTER; (D)  
16 PROVIDED THE TRANSFEREE WITH A COPY OF THE SAFE STORAGE WARNING NOTICE  
17 SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION AND A COPY OF THE FEDERAL  
18 BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES DISPOSITION OF  
19 FIREARMS NOTICE; (E) OBTAINED THE TRANSFEREE'S SIGNATURE ON A FORM  
20 PROMULGATED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT CERTIFYING THAT THE TRANSFEREE HAS  
21 RECEIVED THE INSTRUCTION AND NOTICE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION; AND (F)  
22 PROVIDED THE TRANSFEREE WITH A WRITTEN RECORD OF THE MAKE, MODEL, CALI-  
23 BER OR GAUGE, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF EACH FIREARM, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN  
24 TRANSFERRED TO ENABLE THE TRANSFEREE TO ACCURATELY DESCRIBE THE WEAPON  
25 TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS SUBSEQUENTLY LOST OR STOLEN.

26 2. NO RETAIL DEALER SHALL SELL, DELIVER, LEASE, OR TRANSFER ANY  
27 FIREARM, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN TO ANY PERSON UNLESS AT THE TIME OF SALE,  
28 DELIVERY, LEASE, OR TRANSFER SUCH FIREARM, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN IS ACCOMPA-  
29 NIED BY THE FOLLOWING WARNING, WHICH SHALL APPEAR IN CONSPICUOUS AND  
30 LEGIBLE TYPE IN CAPITAL LETTERS, AND WHICH SHALL BE PRINTED ON A LABEL  
31 AFFIXED TO SUCH FIREARM, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN AND PLACED IN THE CONTAINER  
32 IN WHICH SUCH FIREARM, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN IS SOLD, DELIVERED, LEASED OR  
33 TRANSFERRED: "THE USE OF A LOCKING DEVICE OR SAFETY LOCK IS ONLY ONE  
34 ASPECT OF RESPONSIBLE FIREARM STORAGE. FIREARMS SHOULD BE STORED AND  
35 LOCKED IN A LOCATION THAT IS BOTH SEPARATE FROM THEIR AMMUNITION AND  
36 INACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN AND OTHER UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS. MORE THAN  
37 200,000 FIREARMS LIKE THIS ONE ARE STOLEN FROM THEIR OWNERS EVERY YEAR  
38 IN THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE MORE THAN A THOUSAND  
39 SUICIDES EACH YEAR BY YOUNGER CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS WHO GET ACCESS TO  
40 FIREARMS. HUNDREDS MORE DIE FROM ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE. IT IS LIKELY THAT  
41 MANY MORE CHILDREN SUSTAIN SERIOUS WOUNDS, OR INFLICT SUCH WOUNDS ACCI-  
42 DENTALLY ON OTHERS. IN ORDER TO LIMIT THE CHANCE OF SUCH MISUSE, IT IS  
43 IMPERATIVE THAT YOU KEEP THIS WEAPON LOCKED IN A SECURE PLACE AND TAKE  
44 OTHER STEPS NECESSARY TO LIMIT THE POSSIBILITY OF THEFT OR ACCIDENT.  
45 FAILURE TO TAKE REASONABLE PREVENTIVE STEPS MAY RESULT IN INNOCENT LIVES  
46 BEING LOST, AND IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES MAY RESULT IN YOUR LIABILITY."

47 S 907. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS. EVERY DEALER SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAIN-  
48 TAIN SUCH PURCHASE, SALE, INVENTORY, AND OTHER RECORDS AT THE DEALER'S  
49 PLACE OF BUSINESS IN SUCH FORM AND FOR SUCH PERIOD AS THE SUPERINTENDENT  
50 SHALL REQUIRE, AND SHALL AT A MINIMUM INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

51 1. EVERY DEALER SHALL RECORD THE MAKE, MODEL, CALIBER OR GAUGE, AND  
52 SERIAL NUMBER OF ALL FIREARMS, RIFLES, AND SHOTGUNS THAT ARE ACQUIRED OR  
53 DISPOSED OF NOT LATER THAN ONE BUSINESS DAY AFTER THEIR ACQUISITION OR  
54 DISPOSITION. MONTHLY BACKUPS OF THESE RECORDS SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A  
55 SECURE CONTAINER DESIGNED TO PREVENT LOSS BY FIRE, THEFT, OR OTHER  
56 MISHAP;

1 2. ALL FIREARMS, RIFLES, AND SHOTGUNS ACQUIRED BUT NOT YET DISPOSED OF  
2 MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR THROUGH AN INVENTORY CHECK PREPARED ONCE EACH  
3 MONTH AND MAINTAINED IN A SECURE LOCATION;

4 3. FIREARM, RIFLE, AND SHOTGUN SALES INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE SERIAL  
5 NUMBERS OF FIREARMS, RIFLES, AND SHOTGUNS SOLD, DATES OF SALE, AND IDEN-  
6 TITY OF PURCHASERS, SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENT  
7 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND TO THE MANUFACTURER OF THE WEAPON OR ITS  
8 DESIGNEE; AND

9 4. EVERY DEALER SHALL MAINTAIN RECORDS OF CRIMINAL FIREARM, RIFLE, AND  
10 SHOTGUN TRACES INITIATED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO,  
11 FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES ("ATF"). ALL ATF FORM 4473 TRANSACTION RECORDS  
12 SHALL BE RETAINED ON THE DEALER'S BUSINESS PREMISES IN A SECURE CONTAIN-  
13 ER DESIGNED TO PREVENT LOSS BY FIRE, THEFT, OR OTHER MISHAP.

14 S 908. COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. EVERY DEALER SHALL:

15 1. PROVIDE GOVERNMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH FULL ACCESS TO ANY  
16 DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF FIREARMS OR  
17 EMPLOYEE TRAINING DEEMED NECESSARY BY SUCH AGENCY;

18 2. PARTICIPATE IN AND COMPLY WITH ALL MONITORING OF FIREARM, RIFLE,  
19 AND SHOTGUN DISTRIBUTION BY MANUFACTURERS OR GOVERNMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT  
20 AGENCIES;

21 3. REPORT ALL ATF TRACE REQUESTS BY MAKE, MODEL, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF  
22 FIREARM, DATE OF TRACE, AND DATE OF SALE TO THE MANUFACTURER OF THE  
23 FIREARM, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN ON A MONTHLY BASIS, UNLESS ATF DIRECTS THE  
24 LICENSEE NOT TO REPORT CERTAIN TRACES, AND ALSO REPORT SUCH TRACES TO  
25 THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CRIMINAL GUN CLEAR-  
26 INGHOUSE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY OF THE EXEC-  
27 UTIVE LAW;

28 4. ANALYZE ALL ATF TRACE REQUESTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS A  
29 PATTERN OF FIREARMS, RIFLES, OR SHOTGUNS SOLD BY THE DEALER BEING USED  
30 FOR CRIMINAL PURPOSES, AND, IF SUCH PATTERN EXISTS, TAKE CORRECTIVE  
31 ACTION AND REPORT SUCH FINDINGS AND SUCH CORRECTIVE ACTION TO THE SUPER-  
32 INTENDENT; AND

33 5. REPORT ANY FIREARM, RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN SALES THAT APPEAR TO BE STRAW  
34 PURCHASES OR OTHERWISE CREATE A REASONABLE SUSPICION THAT THE FIREARM,  
35 RIFLE, OR SHOTGUN MAY BE DIVERTED FROM THE LEGAL STREAM OF COMMERCE.

36 S 909. INTERNAL COMPLIANCE AND CERTIFICATION. 1. EVERY DEALER SHALL:

37 (A) IMPLEMENT AND MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT INTERNAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES  
38 TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE AND ALL  
39 APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE  
40 SALE, TRANSFER, AND DISPOSAL OF FIREARMS, RIFLES, AND SHOTGUNS; AND

41 (B) ANNUALLY CERTIFY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT THAT SUCH DEALER HAS  
42 COMPLIED WITH ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE. THE SUPERINTEN-  
43 DENT SHALL BY REGULATION DETERMINE THE FORM AND CONTENT OF SUCH ANNUAL  
44 CERTIFICATION.

45 2. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS  
46 ESTABLISHING PERIODIC INSPECTIONS, DURING REGULAR AND USUAL BUSINESS  
47 HOURS, BY THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE OF THE PREMISES OF EVERY DEALER  
48 TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE BY SUCH DEALER WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS  
49 ARTICLE. EVERY DEALER SHALL PROVIDE THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE WITH  
50 FULL ACCESS TO SUCH DEALER'S PREMISES FOR SUCH INSPECTIONS.

51 S 910. RULES AND REGULATIONS. THE SUPERINTENDENT MAY PROMULGATE SUCH  
52 ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AS THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL DEEM NECES-  
53 SARY TO PREVENT FIREARMS, RIFLES, AND SHOTGUNS FROM BEING DIVERTED FROM  
54 THE LEGAL STREAM OF COMMERCE.

55 S 911. VIOLATIONS. ANY PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION WHO KNOWINGLY  
56 VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS A

1 MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE PENAL LAW, AND SHALL BE  
2 GUILTY OF A CLASS E FELONY FOR A SECOND VIOLATION OCCURRING WITHIN FIVE  
3 YEARS OF A PRIOR CONVICTION FOR A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS  
4 ARTICLE.

5 S 3. Subdivision 1 of section 396-ee of the general business law, as  
6 added by chapter 189 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) No person, firm or corporation engaged in the retail business of  
8 selling rifles, shotguns or firearms, as such terms are defined in  
9 section 265.00 of the penal law, shall sell, deliver or transfer any  
10 such rifle, shotgun or firearm to another person unless the transferee  
11 is provided at the time of sale, delivery or transfer with a gun locking  
12 device and a label containing the quoted language specified in subdivi-  
13 sion two of [this] section [is either] NINE HUNDRED SIX OF THIS CHAPTER,  
14 WHICH SHALL APPEAR IN CONSPICUOUS AND LEGIBLE TYPE IN CAPITAL LETTERS,  
15 AND SHALL BE affixed to such rifle, shotgun or firearm [or] AND placed  
16 in the container in which such rifle, shotgun or firearm is sold, deliv-  
17 ered or transferred. For the purposes of this section, the term "gun  
18 locking device" shall mean an integrated design feature or an attachable  
19 accessory that is resistant to tampering and is effective in preventing  
20 the discharge of such rifle, shotgun or firearm by a person who does not  
21 have access to the key, combination or other mechanism used to disengage  
22 the device. The division of state police shall develop and promulgate  
23 rules and regulations setting forth the specific devices or the minimum  
24 standards and criteria therefor which constitute an effective gun lock-  
25 ing device.

26 S 4. Subdivision 1 of section 400.00 of the penal law, as amended by  
27 chapter 189 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

28 1. Eligibility. No license shall be issued or renewed pursuant to this  
29 section except by the licensing officer, and then only after investi-  
30 gation and finding that all statements in a proper application for a  
31 license are true. No license shall be issued or renewed except for an  
32 applicant (a) twenty-one years of age or older, provided, however, that  
33 where such applicant has been honorably discharged from the United  
34 States army, navy, marine corps, air force or coast guard, or the  
35 national guard of the state of New York, no such age restriction shall  
36 apply; (b) of good moral character; (c) who has not been convicted  
37 anywhere of a felony or a serious offense; (d) who has stated whether he  
38 or she has ever suffered any mental illness or been confined to any  
39 hospital or institution, public or private, for mental illness; (e) who  
40 has not had a license revoked or who is not under a suspension or inel-  
41 igibility order issued pursuant to the provisions of section 530.14 of  
42 the criminal procedure law or section eight hundred forty-two-a of the  
43 family court act; (f) in the county of Westchester, who has successfully  
44 completed a firearms safety course and test as evidenced by a certif-  
45 icate of completion issued in his or her name and endorsed and affirmed  
46 under the penalties of perjury by a duly authorized instructor, except  
47 that: (i) persons who are honorably discharged from the United States  
48 army, navy, marine corps or coast guard, or of the national guard of the  
49 state of New York, and produce evidence of official qualification in  
50 firearms during the term of service are not required to have completed  
51 those hours of a firearms safety course pertaining to the safe use,  
52 carrying, possession, maintenance and storage of a firearm; and (ii)  
53 persons who were licensed to possess a pistol or revolver prior to the  
54 effective date of this paragraph are not required to have completed a  
55 firearms safety course and test; and (g) concerning whom no good cause  
56 exists for the denial of the license. No person shall engage in the

1 business of gunsmith or dealer in firearms unless licensed pursuant to  
2 this section, AND NO PERSON SHALL ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF DEALER IN  
3 FIREARMS UNLESS SUCH PERSON COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES  
4 THIRTY-NINE-DD AND FORTY OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS LAW. An applicant to  
5 engage in such business shall also be a citizen of the United States,  
6 more than twenty-one years of age and maintain a place of business in  
7 the city or county where the license is issued. For such business, if  
8 the applicant is a firm or partnership, each member thereof shall comply  
9 with all of the requirements set forth in this subdivision and if the  
10 applicant is a corporation, each officer thereof shall so comply.

11 S 5. Subdivisions 11 and 12 of section 400.00 of the penal law, subdi-  
12 vision 11 as amended by chapter 210 of the laws of 1999 and subdivision  
13 12 as amended by chapter 449 of the laws of 1993, are amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 11. License: revocation and suspension. The conviction of a licensee  
16 anywhere of a felony or serious offense shall operate as a revocation of  
17 the license. A license may be revoked or suspended as provided for in  
18 section 530.14 of the criminal procedure law or section eight hundred  
19 forty-two-a of the family court act. Except for a license issued pursu-  
20 ant to section 400.01 of this article, a license may be revoked and  
21 cancelled at any time in the city of New York, and in the counties of  
22 Nassau and Suffolk, by the licensing officer, and elsewhere than in the  
23 city of New York by any judge or justice of a court of record; a license  
24 issued pursuant to section 400.01 of this article may be revoked and  
25 cancelled at any time by the licensing officer or any judge or justice  
26 of a court of record. A LICENSE TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF DEALER MAY  
27 BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE  
28 THIRTY-NINE-DD OR FORTY OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS LAW. The official revok-  
29 ing a license shall give written notice thereof without unnecessary  
30 delay to the executive department, division of state police, Albany, and  
31 shall also notify immediately the duly constituted police authorities of  
32 the locality.

33 12. Records required of gunsmiths and dealers in firearms. [Any] IN  
34 ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN ARTICLES THIRTY-NINE-DD AND  
35 FORTY OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS LAW, ANY person licensed as gunsmith or  
36 dealer in firearms shall keep a record book approved as to form, except  
37 in the city of New York, by the superintendent of state police. In the  
38 record book shall be entered at the time of every transaction involving  
39 a firearm the date, name, age, occupation and residence of any person  
40 from whom a firearm is received or to whom a firearm is delivered, and  
41 the calibre, make, model, manufacturer's name and serial number, or if  
42 none, any other distinguishing number or identification mark on such  
43 firearm. Before delivering a firearm to any person, the licensee shall  
44 require him to produce either a license valid under this section to  
45 carry or possess the same, or proof of lawful authority as an exempt  
46 person pursuant to section 265.20 OF THIS CHAPTER. In addition, before  
47 delivering a firearm to a peace officer, the licensee shall verify that  
48 person's status as a peace officer with the division of state police.  
49 After completing the foregoing, the licensee shall remove and retain the  
50 attached coupon and enter in the record book the date of such license,  
51 number, if any, and name of the licensing officer, in the case of the  
52 holder of a license to carry or possess, or the shield or other number,  
53 if any, assignment and department, unit or agency, in the case of an  
54 exempt person. The original transaction report shall be forwarded to the  
55 division of state police within ten days of delivering a firearm to any  
56 person, and a duplicate copy shall be kept by the licensee. The record

1 book shall be maintained on the premises mentioned and described in the  
2 license and shall be open at all reasonable hours for inspection by any  
3 peace officer, acting pursuant to his special duties, or police officer.  
4 In the event of cancellation or revocation of the license for gunsmith  
5 or dealer in firearms, or discontinuance of business by a licensee, such  
6 record book shall be immediately surrendered to the licensing officer in  
7 the city of New York, and in the counties of Nassau and Suffolk, and  
8 elsewhere in the state to the executive department, division of state  
9 police.

10 S 6. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part  
11 of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to  
12 be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the  
13 remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause,  
14 sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the  
15 controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

16 S 7. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
17 have become a law; provided that the superintendent of the division of  
18 state police is authorized and directed to immediately adopt, amend, and  
19 promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary and desirable  
20 to effectuate the purposes of section two of this act.