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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to providing for the expiration and renewal of certain firearms licenses outside the city of New York

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 10 of section 400.00 of the penal law, as
2 amended by chapter 447 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 10. License: expiration[, certification] and renewal. Any license for
5 gunsmith or dealer in firearms and, in the city of New York, any license
6 to carry or possess a pistol or revolver, issued at any time pursuant to
7 this section or prior to the first day of July, nineteen hundred sixty-
8 three and not limited to expire on an earlier date fixed in the license,
9 shall expire not more than three years after the date of issuance. [In
10 the counties of Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester, any license to carry or
11 possess a pistol or revolver, issued at any time pursuant to this
12 section or prior to the first day of July, nineteen hundred sixty-three
13 and not limited to expire on an earlier date fixed in the license, shall
14 expire not more than five years after the date of issuance; however, in
15 the county of Westchester, any such license shall be certified prior to
16 the first day of April, two thousand, in accordance with a schedule to
17 be contained in regulations promulgated by the commissioner of the divi-
18 sion of criminal justice services, and every such license shall be

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

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1 recertified every five years thereafter. For purposes of this section
2 certification shall mean that the licensee shall provide to the licens-
3 ing officer the following information only: current name, date of
4 birth, current address, and the make, model, caliber and serial number
5 of all firearms currently possessed. Such certification information
6 shall be filed by the licensing officer in the same manner as an amend-
7 ment. Elsewhere than in the city of New York and the counties of Nassau,
8 Suffolk and Westchester, any license to carry or possess a pistol or
9 revolver, issued at any time pursuant to this section or prior to the
10 first day of July, nineteen hundred sixty-three and not previously
11 revoked or cancelled, shall be in force and effect until revoked as
12 herein provided.] ELSEWHERE THAN IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK ANY LICENSE TO
13 CARRY OR POSSESS A PISTOL OR REVOLVER, ISSUED AT ANY TIME PURSUANT TO
14 THIS SECTION OR PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF JULY, NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-
15 THREE AND NOT LIMITED TO EXPIRE ON AN EARLIER DATE FIXED IN THE LICENSE,
16 SHALL EXPIRE NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE,
17 PROVIDED THAT ELSEWHERE THAN IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NASSAU COUNTY AND
18 SUFFOLK COUNTY, THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF ANY SUCH LICENSE FOR PURPOSES OF
19 DETERMINING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF SUCH LICENSE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN
20 ACCORDANCE WITH A SCHEDULE TO BE CONTAINED IN REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY
21 THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES. Any
22 license not previously cancelled or revoked shall remain in full force
23 and effect for thirty days beyond the stated expiration date on such
24 license. Any application to renew a license that has not previously
25 expired, been revoked or cancelled shall thereby extend the term of the
26 license until disposition of the application by the licensing officer.
27 In the case of a license for gunsmith or dealer in firearms, in counties
28 having a population of less than two hundred thousand inhabitants,
29 photographs and fingerprints shall be submitted on original applications
30 and upon renewal thereafter only at six year intervals. Upon satisfac-
31 tory proof that a currently valid original license has been despoiled,
32 lost or otherwise removed from the possession of the licensee and upon
33 application containing an additional photograph of the licensee, the
34 licensing officer shall issue a duplicate license.

35 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.