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Introduced by M. of A. GABRYSZAK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to licenses to carry, possess, repair and dispose of firearms issued to military veterans

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

Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 4-b of section 400.00 of the penal law, paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 189 of the laws of 2000 and subdivision 4-b as added by chapter 446 of the laws of 1997, are amended to read as follows:

(f) in [the] ANY county [of Westchester, who has successfully completed] WHICH REQUIRES SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF a firearms safety course and test as evidenced by a certificate of completion issued in [his or her] THE APPLICANT'S name and endorsed and affirmed under the penalties of perjury by a duly authorized instructor, [except that: (i)] persons who are honorably discharged from the United States army, navy, marine corps or coast guard, or [of] FROM the national guard of the state of New York, WITHIN EIGHT YEARS PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR A LICENSE and produce evidence of official qualification in firearms during the term of service are not required to have completed those hours of a firearms safety course pertaining to the safe use, carrying, possession, maintenance and storage of a firearm[;] and [(ii)] persons who were licensed to possess a pistol or revolver prior to the effective date of this paragraph are not required to have completed a firearms safety course and test; and

4-b. Westchester county firearms safety course certificate. In the county of Westchester, at the time of application, the licensing officer to which the license application is made shall provide a copy of the safety course booklet to each license applicant. Before such license is issued, such licensing officer shall require that the applicant submit a certificate of successful completion of a firearms safety course and

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

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test issued in his or her name and endorsed and affirmed under the penalties of perjury by a duly authorized instructor UNLESS THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY, MARINE CORPS OR COAST GUARD, OR FROM THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHIN EIGHT YEARS PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR A LICENSE AND CAN PRODUCE EVIDENCE OF OFFICIAL QUALIFICATION IN FIREARMS DURING THE TERM OF SERVICE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.