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

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to firearms safety course certificate

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4-b of section 400.00 of the penal law, as added by chapter 446 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

4-b. [Westchester county firearms] FIREARMS safety course certificate. [In the county of Westchester] OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, 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 test issued in his or her name and endorsed and affirmed under the penalties of perjury by a duly authorized instructor.

S 2. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 of section 400.00 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 189 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

(f) [in the county of Westchester] OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, who has successfully completed a firearms safety course and test as evidenced by a certificate of completion issued in his or her 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 the national guard of the state of New York, 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

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

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or revolver prior to the effective date of this paragraph are not required to have completed a firearms safety course and test; and

S 3. Paragraph (l) of subdivision 1 of section 400.00 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 1 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(l) [in the county of Westchester] OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, who has successfully completed a firearms safety course and test as evidenced by a certificate of completion issued in his or her 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 the national guard of the state of New York, 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;

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amendments made to paragraph (l) of subdivision 1 of section 400.00 of the penal law made by section three of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as section 48 of chapter 1 of the laws of 2013 takes effect.