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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:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 4-b of section 400.00 of the penal law, as  
2 added by chapter 446 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:  
3 4-b. [Westchester county firearms] FIREARMS safety course certificate.  
4 [In the county of Westchester] OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, at the  
5 time of application, the licensing officer to which the license applica-  
6 tion is made shall provide a copy of the safety course booklet to each  
7 license applicant. Before such license is issued, such licensing officer  
8 shall require that the applicant submit a certificate of successful  
9 completion of a firearms safety course and test issued in his or her  
10 name and endorsed and affirmed under the penalties of perjury by a duly  
11 authorized instructor.

12 S 2. Paragraph (1) of subdivision 1 of section 400.00 of the penal  
13 law, as amended by chapter 1 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 (1) [in the county of Westchester] OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,  
16 who has successfully completed a firearms safety course and test as  
17 evidenced by a certificate of completion issued in his or her name and  
18 endorsed and affirmed under the penalties of perjury by a duly author-  
19 ized instructor, except that: (i) persons who are honorably discharged  
20 from the United States army, navy, marine corps or coast guard, or of  
21 the national guard of the state of New York, and produce evidence of  
22 official qualification in firearms during the term of service are not  
23 required to have completed those hours of a firearms safety course  
24 pertaining to the safe use, carrying, possession, maintenance and stor-

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

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1 age of a firearm; and (ii) persons who were licensed to possess a pistol  
2 or revolver prior to the effective date of this paragraph are not  
3 required to have completed a firearms safety course and test;  
4 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.