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Introduced by Sen. DILAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to expediting the firearm license application process for retired veterans and law enforcement

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4-a of section 400.00 of the penal law, as added by chapter 233 of the laws of 1980, is amended to read as follows:

4-a. Processing of license applications. Applications for licenses shall be accepted for processing by the licensing officer at the time of presentment. Except upon written notice to the applicant specifically stating the reasons for any delay, in each case the licensing officer shall act upon any application for a license pursuant to this section within six months of the date of presentment of such an application to the appropriate authority; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT APPLICATIONS BY PERSONS WHO HAVE FIVE OR MORE YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HANDLING A FIREARM SHALL BE ACTED UPON WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE DATE OF PRESENTMENT OF SUCH AN APPLICATION TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY. Such delay may only be for good cause and with respect to the applicant. In acting upon an application, the licensing officer shall either deny the application for reasons specifically and concisely stated in writing or grant the application and issue the license applied for.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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