State of New York

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Introduced by Committee on Rules -- (at request of M. of A. L. Rosen-thal) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

An act to amend the criminal procedure law and the penal law, in relation to prohibiting peace officers from carrying firearms

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 2.20 of the criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

1-a. A person designated in section 2.10 of this article shall be prohibited from carrying or using a firearm during the scope of employment. An exception shall be made when a peace officer has possession of a firearm for the purpose of disposing such firearm, but in no case shall such firearm be discharged at any time.

Section 2. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 and subdivision 6 of section 400.00 of the penal law, subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 as added by chapter 1 of the laws of 2013 and subdivision 6 as amended by chapter 104 of the laws of 2019, are amended to read as follows:

(i) the applicant's life or safety may be endangered by disclosure because:

(A) the applicant is an active or retired police officer, retired peace officer, probation officer, parole officer, or corrections officer;

(B) the applicant is a protected person under a currently valid order of protection;

(C) the applicant is or was a witness in a criminal proceeding involving a criminal charge;

(D) the applicant is participating or previously participated as a juror in a criminal proceeding, or is or was a member of a grand jury;

or

(E) the applicant is a spouse, domestic partner or household member of a person identified in this subparagraph or subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, specifying which subparagraphs and clauses apply.

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

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6. License: validity. Any license issued pursuant to this section shall be valid notwithstanding the provisions of any local law or ordinance. No license shall be transferable to any other person or premises. A license to carry or possess a pistol or revolver, not otherwise limited as to place or time of possession, shall be effective throughout the state, except that the same shall not be valid within the city of New York unless a special permit granting validity is issued by the police commissioner of that city. Such license to carry or possess shall be valid within the city of New York in the absence of a permit issued by the police commissioner of that city, provided that (a) the firearms covered by such license have been purchased from a licensed dealer within the city of New York and are being transported out of said city forthwith and immediately from said dealer by the licensee in a locked container during a continuous and uninterrupted trip; or provided that (b) the firearms covered by such license are being transported by the licensee in a locked container and the trip through the city of New York is continuous and uninterrupted; or provided that (c) the firearms covered by such license are carried by armored car security guards transporting money or other valuables, in, to, or from motor vehicles commonly known as armored cars, during the course of their employment; or provided that (d) the licensee is a retired police officer as police officer is defined pursuant to subdivision thirty-four of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law or a retired federal law enforcement officer, as defined in section 2.15 of the criminal procedure law, who has been issued a license by an authorized licensing officer as defined in subdivision ten of section 265.00 of this chapter; provided, further, however, that if such license was not issued in the city of New York it must be marked "Retired Police Officer" or "Retired Federal Law Enforcement Officer", as the case may be, and, in the case of a retired officer the license shall be deemed to permit only police or federal law enforcement regulations weapons; or provided that (e) the licensee is a peace officer described in subdivision four of section 2.10 of the criminal procedure law and the license, if issued by other than the city of New York, is marked "New York State Tax Department Peace Officer" and in such case the exemption shall apply only to the firearm issued to such licensee by the department of taxation and finance]. A license as gunsmith or dealer in firearms shall not be valid outside the city or county, as the case may be, where issued. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of state or local law or rule or regulation, the premises limitation set forth in any license to have and possess a pistol or revolver in the licensee's dwelling or place of business pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of subdivision two of this section shall not prevent the transport of such pistol or revolver directly to or from (i) another dwelling or place of business of the licensee where the licensee is authorized to have and possess such pistol or revolver, (ii) an indoor or outdoor shooting range that is authorized by law to operate as such, (iii) a shooting competition at which the licensee may possess such pistol or revolver consistent with the provisions of subdivision a of section 265.20 of this chapter or consistent with the law applicable at the place of such competition, or (iv) any other location where the licensee is lawfully authorized to have and possess such pistol or revolver; provided however, that during such transport to or from a location specified in clauses (i) through (iv) of this paragraph, the pistol or revolver shall be unloaded and carried in a locked container, and the ammunition therefor shall be carried separately; provided further, however, that a license to have and possess a pistol or revol-
ver in the licensee's dwelling or place of business pursuant to para-
graph (a) or (b) of subdivision two of this section that is issued by a
licensing officer other than the police commissioner of the city of New
York shall not authorize transport of a pistol or revolver into the city
of New York in the absence of written authorization to do so by the
police commissioner of that city. The term "locked container" shall not
include the glove compartment or console of a vehicle.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.