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AN ACT to amend the penal law and the general business law, in relation to establishing an extension of time of up to thirty calendar days for national instant background checks

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 12 of section 400.00 of the penal law, as
2 amended by chapter 1 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:
3 12. Records required of gunsmiths and dealers in firearms. Any person
4 licensed as gunsmith or dealer in firearms shall keep a record book
5 approved as to form, except in the city of New York, by the superintendent of state police. In the record book shall be entered at the time of
6 every transaction involving a firearm the date, name, age, occupation
7 and residence of any person from whom a firearm is received or to whom a
8 firearm is delivered, and the calibre, make, model, manufacturer's name
9 and serial number, or if none, any other distinguishing number or identification mark on such firearm. Before delivering a firearm to any
10 person, the licensee shall require him to produce either a license valid
11 under this section to carry or possess the same, or proof of lawful
12 authority as an exempt person pursuant to section 265.20 of this chapter
13 and either (a) the National Instant Criminal Background Check System
14 (NICS) or its successor has issued a "proceed" response to the licensee,
15 or (b) thirty calendar days have elapsed since the date the licensee
16 contacted NICS to initiate a national instant criminal background check
17 and NICS has not notified the licensee that the transfer of the firearm
18 to such person should be denied. In addition, before delivering a
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 firearm to a peace officer, the licensee shall verify that person's
2 status as a peace officer with the division of state police. After
3 completing the foregoing, the licensee shall remove and retain the
4 attached coupon and enter in the record book the date of such license,
5 number, if any, and name of the licensing officer, in the case of the
6 holder of a license to carry or possess, or the shield or other number,
7 if any, assignment and department, unit or agency, in the case of an
8 exempt person. The original transaction report shall be forwarded to the
9 division of state police within ten days of delivering a firearm to any
10 person, and a duplicate copy shall be kept by the licensee. The super-
11 intendent of state police may designate that such record shall be
12 completed and transmitted in electronic form. A dealer may be granted a
13 waiver from transmitting such records in electronic form if the super-
14 intendent determines that such dealer is incapable of such transmission
15 due to technological limitations that are not reasonably within the
16 control of the dealer, or other exceptional circumstances demonstrated
17 by the dealer, pursuant to a process established in regulation, and at
18 the discretion of the superintendent. Records assembled or collected for
19 purposes of inclusion in the database created pursuant to section 400.02
20 of this article shall not be subject to disclosure pursuant to article
21 six of the public officers law. The record book shall be maintained on
22 the premises mentioned and described in the license and shall be open at
23 all reasonable hours for inspection by any peace officer, acting pursu-
24 ant to his special duties, or police officer. In the event of cancella-
25 tion or revocation of the license for gunsmith or dealer in firearms, or
26 discontinuance of business by a licensee, such record book shall be
27 immediately surrendered to the licensing officer in the city of New
28 York, and in the counties of Nassau and Suffolk, and elsewhere in the
29 state to the executive department, division of state police.

30 § 2. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 400.20 to read
31 as follows:

32 § 400.20 Waiting period in connection with the sale or transfer of a
33 rifle or shotgun.

34 When a national instant criminal background check is required pursuant
35 to state or federal law to be conducted through the National Instant
36 Criminal Background Check System (NICS) or its successor in connection
37 with the sale or transfer of a rifle or shotgun to any person, before
38 delivering a rifle or shotgun to such person, either (a) NICS has issued
39 a "proceed" response to the seller or transferor, or (b) thirty calendar
40 days shall have elapsed since the date the seller or transferor
41 contacted NICS to initiate a national instant criminal background check
42 and NICS has not notified the seller or transferor that the transfer of
43 the rifle or shotgun to such person should be denied.

44 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 897 of the general business law, as
45 added by chapter 189 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

46 1. A national instant criminal background check shall be conducted and
47 no person shall sell or transfer a firearm, rifle or shotgun at a gun
48 show, except in accordance with the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 922(t),
49 provided that before delivering a firearm, rifle or shotgun to any
50 person, either (a) the National Instant Criminal Background Check System
51 (NICS) or its successor has issued a "proceed" response to the seller or
52 transferor, or (b) thirty calendar days shall have elapsed since the
53 date the seller or transferor contacted NICS to initiate a national
54 instant criminal background check and NICS has not notified the seller
55 or transferor that the transfer of the firearm, rifle or shotgun to such
56 person should be denied.

§ 4. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 898 of the general business law, as added by chapter 1 of the laws of 2013, are amended to read as follows:

1. In addition to any other requirements pursuant to state and federal law, all sales, exchanges or disposals of firearms, rifles or shotguns shall be conducted in accordance with this section unless such sale, exchange or disposal is conducted by a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer, as those terms are defined in 18 USC § 922, when such sale, exchange or disposal is conducted pursuant to that person's federal firearms license or such sale, exchange or disposal is between members of an immediate family. When a sale, exchange or disposal is conducted pursuant to a person's federal firearms license, before delivering a firearm, rifle or shotgun to any person, either (a) the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) or its successor has issued a "proceed" response to the federal firearms licensee, or (b) thirty calendar days shall have elapsed since the date the federal firearms licensee contacted NICS to initiate a national instant criminal background check and NICS has not notified the federal firearms licensee that the transfer of the firearm, rifle or shotgun to such person should be denied. For purposes of this section, "immediate family" shall mean spouses, domestic partners, children and step-children.

2. Before any sale, exchange or disposal pursuant to this article, a national instant criminal background check must be completed by a dealer who consents to conduct such check, and upon completion of such background check, shall complete a document, the form of which shall be approved by the superintendent of state police, that identifies and confirms that such check was performed. Before a dealer who consents to conduct a national instant criminal background check delivers a firearm, rifle or shotgun to any person, either (a) NICS issued a "proceed" response to the dealer, or (b) thirty calendar days shall have elapsed since the date the dealer contacted NICS to initiate a national instant criminal background check and NICS has not notified the dealer that the transfer of the firearm, rifle or shotgun to such person should be denied.

§ 5. This act shall take effect on the forty-fifth day after it shall have become a law.