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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KAVANAGH -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the purchase and disposal of firearms, rifles and shotguns; and to amend the executive law, in relation to the reporting of firearms seized or recovered by law enforcement

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

1 Section 1. Section 265.17 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 1
2 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 265.17 Criminal purchase or disposal of a weapon.

4 A person is guilty of criminal purchase or disposal of a weapon when:

5 1. Knowing that he or she is prohibited by law from possessing a
6 firearm, rifle or shotgun because of a prior conviction or because of
7 some other disability which would render him or her ineligible to
8 lawfully possess a firearm, rifle or shotgun in this state, or knowing
9 that he or she is the subject of an outstanding warrant of arrest issued
10 upon the alleged commission of a felony or serious offense, such person
11 purchases or otherwise acquires a firearm, rifle or shotgun from another
12 person; or

13 2. Knowing that it would be unlawful for another person to possess a
14 firearm, rifle or shotgun, or knowing that another person is the subject
15 of an outstanding warrant of arrest issued upon the alleged commission
16 of a felony or serious offense, he or she purchases or otherwise
17 acquires a firearm, rifle or shotgun for, on behalf of, or for the use
18 of such other person; or

19 3. Knowing that another person is prohibited by law from possessing a
20 firearm, rifle or shotgun because of a prior conviction or because of
21 some other disability which would render him or her ineligible to

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

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1 lawfully possess a firearm, rifle or shotgun in this state, or knowing
2 that another person is the subject of an outstanding warrant of arrest
3 issued upon the alleged commission of a felony or serious offense, a
4 person disposes of a firearm, rifle or shotgun to such other person.

5 Criminal purchase or disposal of a weapon is a class D felony.

6 § 2. Subdivisions 4 and 5 of section 230 of the executive law, as
7 added by chapter 189 of the laws of 2000, are amended and three new
8 subdivisions 6, 7 and 8 are added to read as follows:

9 4. The superintendent of the division of state police shall establish
10 and maintain within the division a criminal gun clearinghouse as a
11 central repository of information regarding all guns seized, forfeited,
12 found or otherwise coming into the possession of any state or local law
13 enforcement agency which are believed to have been used in the commis-
14 sion of a crime. The superintendent of the division of state police
15 shall adopt and promulgate regulations prescribing reporting procedures
16 for such state or local law enforcement agencies, including the form for
17 reporting such information. In addition to any other information which
18 the superintendent of the division of state police may require, the form
19 shall require (a) the serial number or other identifying information on
20 the gun, if available and (b) a brief description of the circumstances
21 under which the gun came into the possession of the law enforcement
22 agency, including the crime which was or may have been committed with
23 the gun. Whenever a state or local law enforcement agency seizes or
24 recovers a gun that was unlawfully possessed, recovered from a crime
25 scene, or is reasonably believed to have been used in or associated with
26 the commission of a crime, or is otherwise recovered by such agency as
27 an abandoned or discarded gun, such agency shall report such seized or
28 recovered gun to the criminal gun clearinghouse as soon as practicable,
29 but in no case more than twenty-four hours after such agency has taken
30 possession of such gun. Every report made to the criminal gun clearing-
31 house shall result in the submission of a request to the national trac-
32 ing center of the bureau of alcohol, tobacco, firearms and explosives to
33 initiate a trace of such gun and the bureau of alcohol, tobacco,
34 firearms and explosives shall be directed to provide the gun trace
35 results to the superintendent of the division of state police and to the
36 law enforcement agency that submitted the clearinghouse report.

37 5. [~~In any case where a state or local law enforcement agency investi-~~
38 ~~gates the commission of a crime in this state and a specific gun is~~
39 ~~known to have been used in such crime, such agency shall submit a~~
40 ~~request to the national tracing center of the United States Department~~
41 ~~of Treasury, bureau of alcohol, tobacco and firearms to trace the move-~~
42 ~~ment of such gun and such federal agency shall be requested to provide~~
43 ~~the superintendent of the division of state police and the local law~~
44 ~~enforcement agency with the results of such a trace. This subdivision~~
45 ~~shall not apply where the source of a gun is already known to a local~~
46 ~~law enforcement agency.] All state and local law enforcement agencies
47 shall participate in the bureau of alcohol, tobacco, firearms and
48 explosives collective data sharing program for the purpose of sharing
49 gun trace data among all law enforcement agencies in the state on a
50 reciprocal basis.~~

51 6. (a) Whenever a state or local law enforcement agency seizes or
52 recovers a gun that was unlawfully possessed, recovered from the scene
53 of a crime, or is reasonably believed to have been used in or associ-
54 ated with the commission of a crime, or is otherwise recovered by such
55 agency as an abandoned or discarded gun, such agency shall arrange for
56 every such gun that is determined to be of a type that is eligible for

1 national integrated ballistic information network data entry and corre-
2 lation to be test-fired as soon as practicable, and the results of such
3 test-firing shall be submitted forthwith to the national integrated
4 ballistic information network to determine whether such gun is associ-
5 ated or related to a crime, criminal event, or any individual associated
6 or related to a crime or criminal event or reasonably believed to be
7 associated or related to a crime or criminal event.

8 (b) Whenever a state or local law enforcement agency seizes or recov-
9 ers any ammunition cartridge case from the scene of a crime that is of a
10 type that is eligible for national integrated ballistic information
11 network data entry and correlation, or otherwise has reason to believe
12 that any seized or recovered ammunition cartridge case that is of a type
13 that is eligible for national integrated ballistic information network
14 data entry and correlation is related to or associated with the commis-
15 sion of a crime or the unlawful discharge of a gun, such agency shall,
16 as soon as practicable, arrange for the ballistics information to be
17 submitted to the national integrated ballistic information network.

18 7. Whenever a state or local law enforcement agency seizes or recovers
19 any gun, such agency shall promptly enter the make, model, caliber, and
20 serial number of such gun into the national crime information center
21 system to determine whether such gun was reported stolen.

22 8. The superintendent may adopt rules and regulations to effectuate
23 the provisions of this section.

24 § 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.