STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 20, 2024

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Benedetto) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the penal law and the executive law, in relation to the safe storage of firearms and child access prevention

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 18 of section 400.00 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 371 of the laws of 2022, is amended and a new paragraph (d) is added to read as follows:

(c) any other information necessary to ensure such licensee is aware of their responsibilities as a license holder[.]; and

(d) statewide resources and information relating to safe storage of firearms, child access prevention and firearm violence prevention as well as information on county and local specific laws and regulations related to child access prevention and the safe storage of firearms.

§ 2. Section 265.50 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 133 of the laws of 2019, is renumbered section 265.46.

§ 3. Article 35 of the executive law is amended by adding a new section 847 to read as follows:

§ 847. Public awareness of safe storage of firearms. 1. The commissioner shall develop and implement a public awareness campaign to educate the public on the safe storage of firearms, rifles and shotguns and child access and prevention. The public awareness campaign shall include, but not be limited to, educational materials, resources and information related to New York state child access prevention laws and laws relating to the safe storage and transport of firearms, rifles and shotguns including sections 265.45, 265.46, and 400.00 of the penal law, available methods for the safe storage of firearms, rifles and shotguns designed to prevent child access, firearm violence prevention resources, and county and local specific laws and regulations related to child access prevention and safe storage of firearms, rifles and shotguns.

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

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2. The commissioner shall make the educational materials developed for use in this public awareness campaign readily shareable in a digital format and make the materials available on the public facing portion of the division's website. The commissioner shall make the educational materials readily available to any agency who requests such educational materials for dissemination.

3. On or before July first, two thousand twenty-five, and each July first thereafter, the division shall update, as necessary, the educational materials developed pursuant to subdivision one of this section and make available and disseminate the updated materials pursuant to subdivision two of this section.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.