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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, DINOWITZ, DICKENS, SEAWRIGHT, L. ROSEN-
THAL, ZINERMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes --
recommitted to the Committee on Codes in accordance with Assembly Rule
3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as
amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the penal law and the general business law, in relation
to establishing a waiting period before a firearm, shotgun or rifle
may be delivered to a person

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 12 of section 400.00 of the penal law, as
2 amended by chapter 207 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 12. Records required of gunsmiths and dealers in firearms. In addition
5 to the requirements set forth in article thirty-nine-BB of the general
6 business law, any person licensed as gunsmith or dealer in firearms
7 shall keep a record book approved as to form, except in the city of New
8 York, by the superintendent of state police. In the record book shall be
9 entered at the time of every transaction involving a firearm the date,
10 name, age, occupation and residence of any person from whom a firearm is
11 received or to whom a firearm is delivered, and the calibre, make,
12 model, manufacturer's name and serial number, or if none, any other
13 distinguishing number or identification mark on such firearm. Before
14 delivering a firearm to any person, the licensee shall require him to
15 produce either a license valid under this section to carry or possess
16 the same, or proof of lawful authority as an exempt person pursuant to
17 section 265.20 of this chapter and [~~either~~] (a) [~~the National Instant~~
18 ~~Criminal Background Check System (NICS) or its successor has issued a~~
19 ~~"proceed" response to the licensee, or (b) thirty calendar~~] ten business
20 days have elapsed since the date the licensee contacted [~~NICS~~] the New
21 York State National Instant Background Check System ("NYS NICS") or its

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

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

36 § 2. Section 400.20 of the penal law, as added by chapter 129 of the
37 laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

38 § 400.20 Waiting period in connection with the sale or transfer of a
39 rifle or shotgun.

40 When a national instant criminal background check is required pursuant
41 to state or federal law to be conducted through the New York State
42 National Instant [~~Criminal~~] Background Check System [~~(NICS)] (NYS NICS)~~
43 or its successor in connection with the sale or transfer of a rifle or
44 shotgun to any person, before delivering a rifle or shotgun to such
45 person, [~~either~~] (a) [~~NICS has issued a "proceed" response to the seller~~
46 or transferor, or (b) thirty calendar] ten business days shall have
47 elapsed since the date the seller or transferor contacted [~~NICS~~] NYS
48 NICS to initiate a national instant criminal background check and (b)
49 NYS NICS has [~~not-notified~~] issued a "proceed" response to the seller or
50 transferor [~~that~~]. If, after thirty calendar days, NYS NICS has not
51 issued a response to the seller or transferor for the person requesting
52 transfer of the rifle or shotgun, the seller or transferor may transfer
53 the rifle or shotgun to such person [~~should-be-denied~~] at the seller or
54 transferor's discretion.

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 897 of the general business law, as amended by chapter 129 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

1. A national instant criminal background check shall be conducted and no person shall sell or transfer a firearm, rifle or shotgun at a gun show, except in accordance with the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 922(t), provided that 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 seller or transferor, or (b) thirty calendar]~~ ten business days shall have elapsed since the date the seller or transferor contacted ~~[NICS]~~ the New York State National Instant Background Check System ("NYS NICS") or its successor to initiate a national instant criminal background check and NYS NICS has ~~[not notified]~~ issued a "proceed" response to the seller or transferor ~~[that]~~. If, after thirty calendar days, NYS NICS has not issued a response to the seller or transferor for the person requesting transfer of the firearm, rifle or shotgun, the seller or transferor may transfer the firearm, rifle or shotgun to such person [should be denied] at the seller or transferor's discretion.

§ 4. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 898 of the general business law, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 129 of the laws of 2019 and subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 371 of the laws of 2022, 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]~~ ten business days shall have elapsed since the date the federal firearms licensee contacted ~~[NICS]~~ the New York State National Instant Background Check System ("NYS NICS") or its successor to initiate a national instant criminal background check and ~~(b) NYS NICS~~ has ~~[not notified]~~ issued a "proceed" response to the federal firearms licensee ~~[that]~~. If, after thirty calendar days, NYS NICS has not issued a response to the federal firearms licensee for the person requesting transfer of the firearm, rifle or shotgun, the federal firearm licensee may transfer the firearm, rifle or shotgun to such person [should be denied] at the federal firearm licensee's discretion. 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 shall submit a request to the division of state police pursuant to section two hundred twenty-eight of the executive law to conduct such check. Before a dealer who has submitted a request to the division of state police to conduct a national instant criminal background check delivers a firearm, rifle or shotgun to any person, ~~[either] (a) [NICS shall have issued a "proceed" response, or (b) thirty calendar]~~ ten business days shall have elapsed since the date the dealer submitted a

1 request to the division of state police to contact the [~~NICS~~] NYS NICS
2 or its successor to initiate a national instant criminal background
3 check and (b) NYS NICS has [~~not notified~~] issued a "proceed" response to
4 the [~~division of state police that~~] dealer. If, after thirty calendar
5 days, NYS NICS has not issued a response to the dealer for the person
6 requesting transfer of the firearm, rifle or shotgun, the dealer may
7 transfer the firearm, rifle or shotgun to such person [~~should be denied~~]
8 at the dealer's discretion.
9 § 5. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
10 have become a law.