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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BUTTENSCHON, JONES, BARRETT, CONRAD, SANTABARBARA, SMULLEN, SLATER, TAGUE, GRAY, LEMONDES, HAWLEY, ANGELINO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to allowing persons participating in certain formal ceremonies to possess a firearm, rifle or shotgun

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

Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subdivision 3 of section 265.01-e of the penal law, as added by section 1 of part F of chapter 55 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(n) persons **not otherwise listed under this subdivision** while participating in military ceremonies, funerals, and honor guards**, including but not limited to, a formal ceremony including a twenty-one gun salute, and/or any other formal ceremony honoring a person or persons who served their municipality, state, and/or country in an official capacity, provided, however, that such persons obtain prior approval from either:**

(i) the municipality in which such ceremony will occur; or

(ii) the military, law enforcement, or fire prevention organization hosting such ceremony; or

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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