

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. HAWLEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to gun license applications not containing warnings

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 400.00 of the
2 penal law, as amended by chapter 212 of the laws of 2022, is amended to
3 read as follows:
4 (a) Applications shall be made and renewed, in the case of a license
5 to carry or possess a pistol or revolver or to purchase or take
6 possession of a semiautomatic rifle, to the licensing officer in the
7 city or county, as the case may be, where the applicant resides, is
8 principally employed or has [~~his or her~~] a principal place of business
9 as merchant or storekeeper; and, in the case of a license as gunsmith or
10 dealer in firearms, to the licensing officer where such place of busi-
11 ness is located. Blank applications shall, except in the city of New
12 York, be approved as to form by the superintendent of state police. No
13 applications, or the literature given therewith, shall be approved,
14 distributed or used in any capacity which contain an explicit written
15 warning regarding ownership or use of a firearm. An application shall
16 state the full name, date of birth, residence, present occupation of
17 each person or individual signing the same, whether or not [~~he or she~~]
18 such person is a citizen of the United States, whether or not [~~he or~~
19 ~~she~~] such person complies with each requirement for eligibility speci-
20 fied in subdivision one of this section and such other facts as may be
21 required to show the good character, competency and integrity of each
22 person or individual signing the application. An application shall be
23 signed and verified by the applicant. Each individual signing an appli-
24 cation shall submit one photograph of [~~himself or herself~~] themselves and
25 a duplicate for each required copy of the application. Such photographs

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

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1 shall have been taken within thirty days prior to filing the applica-
2 tion. In case of a license as gunsmith or dealer in firearms, the photo-
3 graphs submitted shall be two inches square, and the application shall
4 also state the previous occupation of each individual signing the same
5 and the location of the place of such business, or of the bureau, agen-
6 cy, subagency, office or branch office for which the license is sought,
7 specifying the name of the city, town or village, indicating the street
8 and number and otherwise giving such apt description as to point out
9 reasonably the location thereof. In such case, if the applicant is a
10 firm, partnership or corporation, its name, date and place of formation,
11 and principal place of business shall be stated. For such firm or part-
12 nership, the application shall be signed and verified by each individual
13 composing or intending to compose the same, and for such corporation, by
14 each officer thereof.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.