STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

(Prefiled)

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Introduced by M. of A. SOLAGES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to removing dealers of ammunition from certain provisions regarding the use of certain merchant category-codes by payment card networks

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 529-a of the general business law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the general business law relating to requiring payment card networks to use certain merchant category-codes for firearm merchants, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 8479-A and A. 9862-A, are amended to read as follows:

1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) [~~"Dealer of ammunition" means any person who engages in the business of purchasing, selling or keeping ammunition in this state.~~

~~(b)~~] "Dealer of firearms" means a gunsmith or dealers in firearms in this state licensed pursuant to section 400.00 of the penal law, for which the highest sales value is, or is expected to be, from the combined sale in New York of firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition, as stated by the business to its merchant acquirer in the ordinary course of business.

[~~(c)~~] **(b)** "Firearm" has the same meaning as that term is defined in subdivision three of section 265.00 of the penal law.

2. (a) On or before November first, two thousand twenty-four, each payment card network shall make the merchant category-code for firearms and ammunition businesses established by the international organization for standardization on September ninth, two thousand twenty-two, avail-

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

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able for merchant acquirers that provide payment services for dealers of [~~ammunition or dealers of~~] firearms.

(b) On and after May first, two thousand twenty-five, each merchant acquirer shall assign to each dealer of [~~ammunition and dealer of~~] firearms in this state the merchant category-code for firearms and ammunition businesses established by the international organization for standardization on September ninth, two thousand twenty-two.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the general business law relating to requiring payment card networks to use certain merchant category-codes for firearm merchants, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 8479-A and A. 9862-A, takes effect.