NYSAFE

SECURE AMMUNITION AND FIREARMS ENFORCEMENT ACT

IMPORTANT DATES:

APRIL 15, 2013

- Registration for assault weapons begins
- Seven rounds in magazine(s)

JANUARY 15, 2014

- Background check is required for ammunition purchases.
- Discard, sell or permanently modify magazine(s) greater than ten rounds.

APRIL 15, 2014

- Assault weapons must be registered with the New York State Police.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

ASSAULT WEAPONS:

I OWN A GUN THAT I USE FOR HUNTING, IS IT AN ASSAULT WEAPON?

Most guns that are used for hunting are not assault weapons and are not affected by this law. Typical shotguns and hunting rifles are exempt as the law specifies military style assault weapons by design characteristics. For example, any pump, lever, or bolt action shotgun or rifle cannot be an assault weapon.

I OWN A HANDGUN, IS THAT AN ASSAULT WEAPON?

Most handguns are not assault weapons and are not affected by this law. A traditionally designed handgun is not an assault weapon. For example a single shot pistol or a revolver cannot be an assault weapon.

I HAVE AN ASSAULT WEAPON. DO I HAVE TO GIVE IT UP?

No. If you have an assault weapon, you can register it with the State Police. You have until April 15, 2014 to register your weapon. A form will be made available on the New York State Police's website at **www.troopers.ny.gov**.Under state and federal law, some people are not allowed to possess a weapon, such as convicted felons, individuals who have been involuntarily committed, or individuals currently under an order of protection. These people will not be able to register. There is no fee for registering. Assault weapons must be re-registered every five years.

WHAT DO I DO IF I DON'T WANT TO REGISTER MY ASSAULT WEAPON?

You can sell it to a New York State dealer or anyone out of state by January 15, 2014. Federal law has certain restrictions on shipping guns between states that you should consult before making a transfer.

IF I MODIFY MY GUN BY REMOVING ALL DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS THAT MAKES IT AN ASSAULT WEAPON, DO I HAVE TO REGISTER IT?

No. If you modify your gun so that it is not an assault weapon, you do not have to register it. The modification must be permanent however. This includes, for example, removing the bayonet lug by cutting or grinding, grinding off the threads on the barrel, removing the fore-grip so that it cannot be readily reattached, or any change that cannot be reversed through reasonable means.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

MAGAZINES

HOW HAS THE LAW CHANGED FOR MAGAZINES?

Starting April 15, 2013, only magazines that contain 7 rounds or less will be sold in New York, including permanently modified magazines.

WHAT IF I HAVE A MAGAZINE THAT CAN CONTAIN MORE THAN TEN ROUNDS?

You can permanently modify the magazine so that it holds no more than ten rounds, responsibly discard it, or sell it to a dealer or an out of state purchaser by January 15, 2014.

CAN MODIFIED MAGAZINES BE SOLD BY DEALERS OR INDIVIDUALS?

Yes, anyone can sell a modified magazine.

HOW MANY ROUNDS CAN I PUT IN MY MAGAZINE TODAY?

Ten. Starting on April 15, 2013, you are limited to putting in seven rounds, unless you are at an incorporated firing range or competition recognized by the National Rifle Association or International Handgun Metallic Silhouette Association, in which case the limit is ten.

ANTIQUE GUNS AND MAGAZINES

IS THERE ANY EXCEPTION FOR HISTORIC OR ANTIQUE GUNS AND MAGAZINES?

Yes, they are exempt from the prohibition against transfer, but if the gun qualifies as an assault weapon it must be registered.

WHAT QUALIFIES AS AN ANTIQUE GUN OR MAGAZINE?

Any magazine or gun manufactured more than 50 years ago.

I HAVE AN ANTIQUE GUN THAT NOW QUALIFIES AS AN ASSAULT WEAPON. CAN I TRANSFER IT?

Yes. As long as the gun is registered, it can be freely transferred to anyone.

I HAVE AN ANTIQUE GUN WITH A MAGAZINE THAT CAN CONTAIN MORE THAN TEN ROUNDS. CAN I KEEP THE MAGAZINE?

Yes, provided that you register both the gun and magazine using the same simple registration process that is used for assault weapons.

SAFE STORAGE

WHEN AM I REQUIRED TO SAFELY STORE MY GUN?

You are required to safely store your gun if you live with someone who has been convicted of a felony or domestic violence crime, has been involuntarily committed, or is currently under an order of protection. You can use an appropriate locking device including a trigger lock, a gun safe, or a secure gun cabinet.

DEALERS

I HAVE GUNS IN MY INVENTORY THAT ARE NOW DEFINED AS ASSAULT WEAPONS AND MAGAZINES THAT CAN CONTAIN MORE THAN TEN ROUNDS. WHAT CAN I DO WITH THEM?

You can transfer them to another dealer or sell them out of state or to law enforcement. You can also permanently modify these guns and magazines and sell them in state.

IF SOMEONE PAID FOR A GUN BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2013 THAT IS NOW CLASSIFIED AS AN ASSAULT WEAPON, BUT THE GUN HASN'T BEEN DELIVERED TO THE BUYER, WHAT DO I DO?

You may still give the gun to the buyer, but it must be registered by April 15, 2014.

IF I SELL AMMUNITION, CAN I KEEP SELLING IT?

Yes. Currently the law does not add any obligations on sellers. Sellers of ammunition will have to register by January 15, 2014. A form will be made available and you will not need to appear in person or wait for a background check.

IS THERE ANY BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED FOR PURCHASERS OF AMMUNITION NOW?

No. The background check requirement does not take effect until January 15, 2014.

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