

Changes in Gun Laws 2022

While many of these changes may be reversed in future law suits, below are changes in the law that affect your gun permit as they stand as of July 15, 2022. The implementation dates may be altered due to the inability to establish the procedures in the time frame allotted. Keep in mind that parts of the law are contradictory or unclear and may need judicial interpretation.

Effective Now

- Those wishing to amend their license to have restrictions removed must present to the Judges a completed request form. (Form is available at the County Clerk's Office and available on the website) The request should be sent to or delivered to the County Clerk's Office. Fee: \$3 for the amendment and \$5.00 for the duplicate license.
- Body armor or vests are not allowed to be sold, transferred or purchased. If worn during an illegal act can be charged separately for wearing the armor/vest.
- Redefines large capacity feeding device to make any clip over 10 rounds is illegal.

Effective September 2022

- "Good moral character" which is required under Penal Code for a permit/license is defined as "having the essential character, temperament and judgment necessary to be entrusted with a weapon and to use it only in a manner that does not endanger oneself or others"
- Requires licenses to carry, complete the new 18 hour safety course (includes 2 hour live fire) before they recertify and those applying after the date of 9/1/22 to take the new safety course. A score of 80% is required on the written exam and proficiency of live fire will be regulated by the State Police.
- Licenses issued more than 3 years ago must take the safety course and recertify within one year.
- License to carry must recertify every 3 years but only need to take the new safety course once.
- Other licenses recertify every 5 years.
- Applicants for new licenses cannot have been convicted in the past 5 years of Assault in the 3rd, Misdemeanor DWI or menacing.
- New applicants must submit with or on their application: names and contact information for all adults residing in the applicant's home, names and contact

information of at least 4 references, certification of training, media accounts used in the last 3 years, and any other information the Judge requires.

- Applicants for carry permits will need to meet with the Judge for an in-person interview
- No firearms are allowed in “sensitive areas” or areas where the premises does not clearly state that firearms are allowed-private or commercial. “Sensitive areas” are defined as:
 - Federal, state or local government property including courts
 - Any location providing health services including rehabs
 - Worship or religious facilities
 - Libraries, public playgrounds, public parks, zoos
 - Childcare centers
 - Nursery schools, preschools, summer camps
 - Anywhere operated for people with disabilities
 - Anywhere operated for addiction services
 - Anywhere operated by the office of mental health
 - Homeless shelters
 - Any educational facility including colleges and universities
 - Public transportation
 - Any establishment with a liquor license or cannabis license (consumed on premises)
 - Any facilities used for performances such as theaters, sports arenas, gambling facilities, horse racing, etc
 - Any location used for polling place
 - Any public sidewalk restricted for a special event
 - Any gathering such as a protest
 - Time Square in NYC

Exemptions are listed for law enforcement and others. Class E felony/permit or license revocation.

- Guns in vehicles must be unloaded and placed in a locked, storage container that is out of sight from the outside of the vehicle. A glove compartment does not comply.

Effective September 4, 2022

- Requires permit/license to purchase semi-automatic rifle
- Prior to disposal or transfer, written notification must be sent to State Police

- Must recertify every 5 years to the county Clerk. \$250.00 fine for non-compliance.

Effective April 1, 2023

- Application denial or revocation reason must be written. An applicant may, within 90 days, appeal the decision to the appeals board established by DCJS and the SP.

Effective July 15, 2023

State Police will conduct all background checks through NICS and NYS data base. If a denial is given for purchase of ammunition or firearms, the denial may be appealed. Appeal is sent to State Police within 30 days. The State Police have 30 days to respond. The appeal may then be sent to the Attorney general.