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520 CMR 7.00:

THE SALE OF AMMUNITION, AND THE SALE, RENTAL OR LEASE, AND THE POSSESSION AND CARRYING OF FIREARMS, SHOTGUNS, RIFLES AND MACHINE GUNS

Section

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7.01: Definitions

Words importing the singular may extend and be applied to several persons or things, and words importing the plural may include the singular, and the words and phrases as listed herein, shall be construed as follows:

Ammunition. Cartridges or cartridge cases, primers (igniter), bullets or propellent powder designed for use in any firearm, rifle or shotgun. The term "ammunition" shall also mean tear gas cartridges, chemical mace, or any device or instrument which contains or emits a liquid, gas, powder, or any other substance designed to incapacitate.

Bullet. The projectile fixed from a gun.

Carmidge. A round of ammunition made up by primer, case, propellant (powder) and projectile (bullet).

Commissioner. The commissioner of public safety.

Conviction. A finding or verdict of guilty, or a plea of guilty, whether or not final sentence is imposed. (M.G.L. c. 140, § 121).

Dealer. A person engaged in the business of the retail sale of firearms, rifles, shotguns, or machine guns to the residents of the commonwealth or to non-residents for delivery within the commonwealth, who is not (a) a resident selling not more than four firearms, rifles and/or shotguns within a calendar year; (b) a manufacturer holding a Federal license therefor and who sells for delivery in the commonwealth at wholesale; nor (c) a distributor or factory representative selling for delivery in the commonwealth only to licensed dealers.

Felony. A crime punishable by death or imprisonment in the state prison. (M.G.L. c. 274, § 1).

FID #. Firearm Identification Card number.

Firearm. A pistol, revolver or other weapon of any description loaded or unloaded, from which a shot or bullet can be discharged and of which the length of barrel is less than 16" or 18" in the case of a shotgun, and the term "length of barrel" shall mean that portion of a firearm, rifle, shotgun or machine gun through which a shot or bullet is driven, guided or stabilized, and shall include the chamber. A "machine gun" is a weapon of any description, by whatever name known, loaded or unloaded, from which a number of shots or bullets may be rapidly or automatically discharged by one continuous activation of the trigger, and includes a submachine gun.

Flintlock. A type of ignition system for firearms, rifles, and shotguns in which a piece of flint strikes the frizzen, showering sparks into the priming charge and pan, igniting a charge of black powder.

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Gunsmith. Any person who engages in the business of repairing, altering, cleaning, polishing, engraving, blueing or performing any mechanical operation on any firearm, rifle, shotgun, or machine gun. (M.G.L. c. 140, § 121).

Licensing Authority. The chief of police or the board or officer having control of the police in a city or town, or persons authorized by them. (M.G.L. c. 140, § 121).

Machine Gun. A weapon of any description, by whatever name known, loaded or unloaded, from which a number of shots or bullets may be rapidly or automatically discharged by one continuous pull of the trigger, and includes a submachine gun. (M.G.L. c. 141, § 121.).

Matchlock. A type of ignition used in firearms in which a cord of slow-burning material ignites the priming charge when the trigger is pulled.

<u>Percussion</u>. An early form of small arms primer (igniter) consisting of a small metal cup containing an explosive. In use, the percussion cup is placed on a nipple and exploded by a blow from the hammer. The hot gasses from the explosion pass through a hole in the nipple, igniting the main charge of powder in the weapon.

<u>Pistol.</u> A firearm designed for use in one hand, having a chamber integral or permanently aligned with the bore. Pistols may be single-shot, semi-automatic or fully automatic.

<u>Purchaser.</u> The words "purchase" and "sale", include exchange: the word "purchaser" shall include exchanger, and the verbs "sell" and "purchase" in their different forms and tenses, shall include the verb "exchange" in its appropriate form and tense. (M.G.L. c. 140, § 121).

Revolver. A firearm designed for use in one hand having a series of chambers mounted in a cylinder coaxially with the barrel. A mechanism revolves the cylinder causing each chamber to be successively aligned with the bore. Only the cartridge in alignment is discharged. Revolvers may be solid-frame, swing-out cylinder, break-open or top-break types.

<u>Rifle</u>. A weapon designed to be fired from the shoulder, the inside of which has grooves cut in the barrel or is formed with spiral channels, so that the ball or bullet may have a rotary motion on its own axis, increasing its accuracy.

Rules of Adjudicatory Proceedings. The rules adopted by the commissioner under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, governing proceedings in which the legal rights, duties or privileges of specifically named persons are required by constitutional right or by any provision of the General Laws to be determined after opportunity for a hearing, including but not limited to hearings relating to application for licenses or other permits, hearings on contemplated suspensions, revocations or other disciplinary actions; and adversary proceedings where the rights of more than one party are to be adjudicated by the commissioner.

Shot. Small spherical pellets of lead or shot-metal used in shooting birds and other small game.

<u>Shotgun.</u> A weapon designed to be fired from the shoulder having a smooth bore and used in discharging "shot".

Wheel-lock. An ancient system consisting of a toothed wheel driven by a coil spring. Pressure on the trigger releases the wheel, rotating its serrated edge against pyrites showering sparks into a pan, igniting a charge of powder.

7.02: Dealer's Licenses: Gunsmiths

(1) The application for a license to sell, rent or lease firearms, rifles, shotguns or machine guns, shall be on forms furnished and approved by the commissioner. (Form 1 in 520 CMR 7.02). The granting or renewal of such license shall be reported on forms furnished by the commissioner. (Forms 2 and 3 in 520 CMR 7.02). Licenses issued by the licensing authority shall be on forms furnished by the commissioner (Forms 6, 7, and 8 in 520 CMR 7.02).

FORM I.



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- (2) A license may be issued for the sale of shotguns and rifles only, or to perform services as a gunsmith only; provided, that a person licensed to sell firearms, shotguns and rifles or to sell shotguns and rifles only may, upon application, be granted a concurrent license to perform services as a gunsmith, and a license so granted shall be without any additional fee.
- (3) A person aggrieved by the refusal of the licensing authority to issue a license under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140. § 122 may, within ten days thereafter, appeal to the commissioner for a hearing. Such hearing shall be conducted under the rules of adjudicatory proceedings.
- (4) The commissioner shall be notified in writing by the licensing authority of any suspension or forfeiture of a license of a dealer and/or gunsmith in accordance with M.G.L. c. 140, § 125.
- (5) The commissioner shall be notified in writing by the licensing authority of a change in location of the licensed dealer and/or gunsmith, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 140, § 127.

7.03: Sale of a Firearm, Rifle or Shotgun: Record of Sale

- (1) No firearm shall be sold to an alien. No firearm shall be sold to or by a minor.
- (2) No firearm shall be sold to a person who is not licensed to carry firearms under M.G.L. c. 140. § 131 unless he presents a valid firearm identification card and a permit to purchase issued under M.G.L. c. 140, § 131A. The firearm shall be delivered to such person at his residence or place of business, and the permit shall be attached to and be made part of the record of sale transmitted to the commissioner.
- (3) A record of sale by a licensed dealer of any firearm, rifle or shotgun shall be kept in an approved sales record book furnished at a price not in excess of the cost thereof by the commissioner upon application of the licensee. The licensee shall, once a week, send a copy of the record of sales, rentals and leases made by him for the preceding seven days to the Commissioner of public safety. (Form 3 in CMR 7.03).
- (4) A resident who is not a licensed dealer, shall report the sale of a firearm, rifle or shotgun in writing to the commissioner of public safety on forms furnished by said commissioner. Such sale shall be reported within 24 hours. (Form 1 in 520 CMR 7.03).
- (5) A resident who purchases or obtains a firearm, rifle or shotgun or machine gun other than from a licensed dealer or from a person authorized to sell it under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140 § 128A, or a non-resident who purchases or obtains a firearm, rifle or shotgun other than from such licensee or person and receives it within the commonwealth shall submit a report of the transaction to the commissioner within seven days. Reports shall be in writing on forms furnished by the commissioner. (Form 1 in 520 CMR 7.03).

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Reverse of Reporting Card

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- 1. IF REPORTING THEFT OR LOSS, CHECK ONE
- PRINT OR TYPE COMPLETE NAME, ADDRESS, DATE OF BIRTH AND LICENSE NUMBER
- 3. ALWAYS INCLUDE PREFIX OR SUFFIX LETTERS ON LICENSES OR FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION CARDS WHERE APPLICABLE.
- 4. FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF TRANSFER.
- NO INTERSTATE TRANSACTIONS ALLOWED USING THIS FORM, CONSULT A GUN DEALER.
- 6. ALL PURCHASES MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE AND POSSESS EITHER A LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS OR A FIREARMS IDENT CARD WHEN PURCHASING RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS. PURCHASERS OF FIREARMS (PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS) MUST HAVE EITHER A LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS OR A PERMIT TO PURCHASE OBTAINED FROM THEIR LOCAL CHIEF OF POLICE AND A FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION CARD.

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- (1) Store location
- (2) Circle either Firearm, Rifle was made on a ticense to carry Fire or Shotgun arms or Firearm Identification Card.
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- (4) Self-explanatory (if none, write none")
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- (9) Dealer name
- (10) Name or initials of salesperson
- (11) Self-explanatory
- (12) Indicate by circling if the purchase
- (13) List License or Card number number and type (pistol, revolver, etc.)
- (14) Complete address of purchaser including the city or town
- (15) Self-explanatory
- (16) Self-explanatory
- (17) Self-explanatory
- (18) Self-explanatory
- (19) Signature of purchaser
- (20) Self-explanatory

7.04: Sale of Ammunition

- (1) The application for a license to sell ammunition shall be on forms approved by the commissioner. (Form 1 in 520 CMR 7.02). The granting of a license or renewal of such license shall be reported on forms furnished by the commissioner. (Forms 2 and 3 in 520 CMR 7.02).
- (2) Licenses shall be valid for a period of three years and shall expire exactly three years from the date of issue. Licenses may be issued or renewed upon payment of the required fee. (M.G.L. c. 140, § 122B),
- (3) The license or renewal thereof, properly executed, shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the place of business off the licensee. (Form 2 in 520 CMR 7.03).
- (4) Ammunition as defined in M.G.L. c. 140, § 121 may only be sold by operation of law to persons 18 years of age or older which displays a firearms identification card as issued under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 129B, or a license to carry firearms as issued under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 131 or an alien permit to possess a rifle or shotgun as issued under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 131H or other lawful authority to take possession.

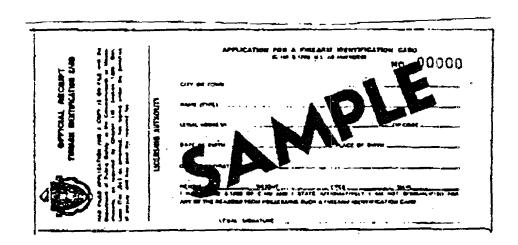
7.05: Firearm Identification Card

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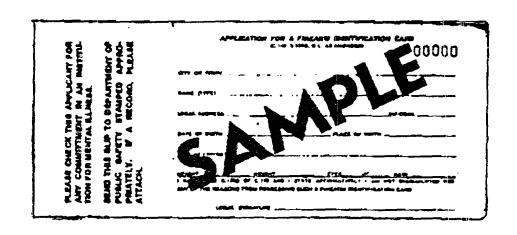
(1) The commissioner hereby prescribes the following form of application and <u>firearm</u> identification card and form of report to the commissioner, to be furnished by and used by the licensing authority in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140 § 129B (Forms 1 through 7 in 520 CMR 7.05):

FORM 1.

APPLICATION FOR A FIREARM I.D. CARD



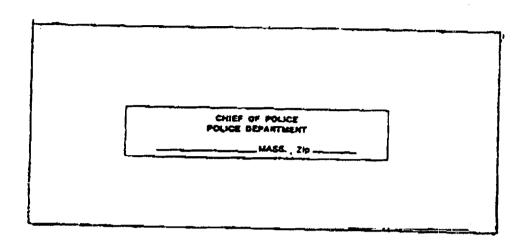
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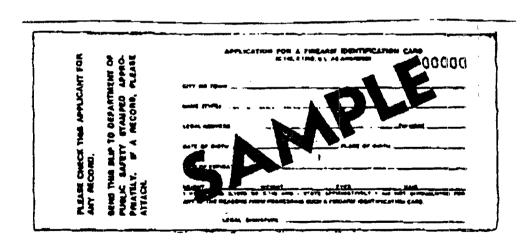
FORM 3.

REVERSE OF DEPT. OF MENTAL HEALTH INQUIRY



FORM 4.

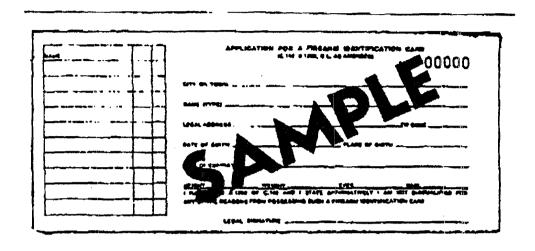
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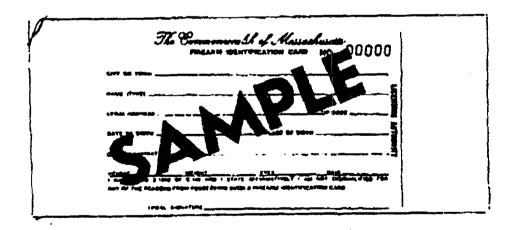
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FORM 5.

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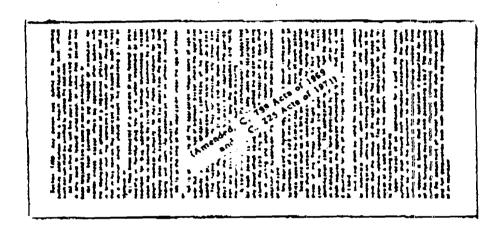


FORM 6. FIREARM I.D. CARD



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FORM 7.
Reverse of Firearms 1.D. Card



NOTE: Procedure revised in accordance with the provisions of St. 1969 c. 799. (Existing stocks containing one additional copy will continue to be used until supply is exhausted).

- (2) The official receipt issued to the applicant shall be signed and dated by the licensing authority and shall, upon expiration of five days following the date of issue and pending the issuance of the official Firearm Identification Card by the said licensing authority, serve temporarily in lieu thereof.
- (3) The Firearm Identification Card, properly signed and validated by the licensing authority, shall be issued in exchange for the official receipt, which shall be retained or destroyed by the licensing authority. An applicant who reports the loss of the official receipt shall be required to submit a notarized statement of loss.

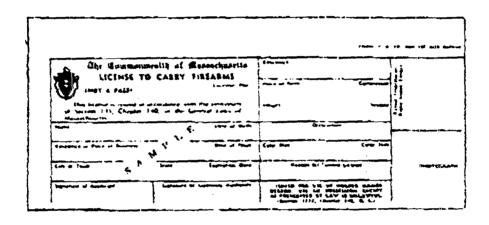
7.06: License to Carry Firearms

- (1) A license to carry firearms issued under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 131 shall be on forms approved by the commissioner. (Form 1 in 520 CMR 7.06).
- (2) A permit to purchase a firearm shall be issued on forms furnished by the commissioner. (Form 2 in 520 CMR 7.06).
- (3) A temporary license to carry firearms issued to a non-resident under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 131F shall be in the form prescribed. (Form 5 in 520 CMR 7.06).
- (4) Application for temporary license under 520 CMR 7.06(3) shall be on forms furnished by the commissioner. (Forms 3 through 4 in 520 CMR 7.06).
- (5) The application of an alien to possess a shotgun or rifle under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 131H shall be submitted on forms furnished by the commissioner. (Form 6 in 520 CMR 7.06).

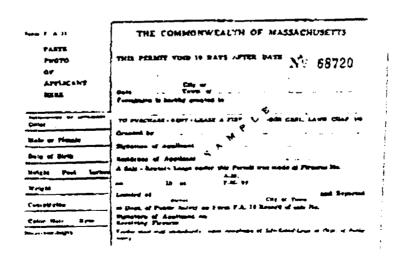
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- (6) A permit issued under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 131H to an alien to own or have in his possession a rifle or shotgun shall be in the form prescribed by the commissioner. (Form 7 in 520 CMR 7.06).
- (7) The form of notice to the chief of police or board or officer having control of the police in the city or town in which an alien to whom a permit is issued under M.G.L. c. 140, § 131H is a temporary or permanent resident shall be as prescribed by the commissioner. (Form 5 in 520 CMR 7.06).
- (8) A permit to possess a shotgun or rifle issued to an alien under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 131H may be revoked for cause.
- (9) Notice of revocation to the licensing authority of the city or town in which an alien referred to in 520 CMR 7.06(8) resides, shall be in a form prescribed by the commissioner.

FORM 1. License to Carry Firearms



FORM 2. Permit to Purchase Firearms



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FORM 4

Reverse of Temporary License to Carry

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. This office must be supplied with a copy of current license to carry firearms issued to the applicant in his home state. If no such license is required, applicant must have a letter forwarded to this office from Chief of Police in his home town attesting to the applicants good character, noting any criminal record of the applicant.
- 2. Two photographs (14 x 14) must accompany application.
- 3. The fee for a monthly license is \$1.00.*
- 4. Persons in the employ of a bank, public utility, corporation, or a firm engaged in the business of transferring monies, or business or a similar nature, or a firm licensed as a private detective under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 147, and whose application is endorsed by his employer may be issued for any term not to exceed two years. The fee for such license is \$5.00 and expires on the applicant's date of birth.*

Non-resident servicemen who are stationed within the territorial boundaries of the Commonwealth and has the written consent of his commanding officer, may be issued a license for any term not to exceed two years. The fee shall be \$5.00, and said license shall expire on the applicants date of birth.

- 5. Licenses are renewable at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Safety under such conditions as he may prescribe.
- 6. The temporary license to carry firearms is NOT a valid permit to putchase, and conveys no right to sell or transfer firearms, rifles or shotguns.
- 7. Make check payable to THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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- 3. monthly license fee is \$5.00
- 4. such fee is \$10.00

Executive Office of Administration and Finance letter 12/30/75 changed the fees as follows:

7.07: Fuearm, Shotgun or Rifle: Surrender of Custody Receipt

- (1) A person surrendering a firearm, rifle or shotgun under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 129C or 129D shall give prior notice of his intention on forms furnished by the commissioner. (Form 9 in 520 CMR 7.06). Such forms shall be prepared in triplicate, and two signed copies shall be forwarded to the licensing authority or to the commissioner, who shall approve or amend the stated time and place of surrender and return one copy to the applicant, and the copy so endorsed shall be evidence of the exemption of the applicant under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 129C for the time reasonably required for the purpose and for and during direct travel to the place of such surrender.
- (2) A firearm, rifle or shotgun surrendered in accordance with 520 CMR 7.07(1) shall be unloaded and enclosed in a case, carron or other suitable wrapping during transportation and delivery to the licensing authority or to the commissioner.
- (3) Each firearm, rifle or shotgun surrendered to a licensing authority shall have attached thereto a custody form approved and furnished by the commissioner. (Form 1 in 520 CMR 7.07). The form shall be prepared in triplicate by the person surrendering the firearm, rifle or shotgun. The licensing authority shall complete the custody form and give one copy to the person surrendering same, as evidence of compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 129C or 129D, and shall cause a second copy thereof to be forwarded forthwith to the commissioner for record.
- (4) Bids for the purchase of firearms, rifles or shotguns surrendered in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 129D shall be in writing. The commissioner may stipulate the right to reject any and all bids.

FORM 1. Custody Receipt

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7.08: Firearm: Voluntary Registration of

(1) The owner of a firearm, rifle or shotgun acquired prior to October 18, 1968 from any source other than by purchase from a dealer licensed to do business in Massachusetts under M.G.L. c. 140, § 122 may, for the purpose of recording ownership, register the serial number and description thereof with the commissioner. Such information shall be reported on forms approved and furnished by the commissioner. (Form 1 in 520 CMR 7.08).

FORM 1. Registration Card

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7.09: Bona Fide Collectors of Firearms

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law St. 1986 c. 481 § 2 and for the purpose of establishing criteria for persons who shall be classified as bona fide collectors of firearms, Bona Fide Collectors of Firearms shall mean any individual, licensed to carry firearms in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 131, who acquires firearms, as defined in M.G.L. c. 140, § 121, for any lawful purpose including but not limited to historical significance, display, research, lecturing, demonstration, test firing, or investment. Nothing contained in this regulation shall affect the reasonable discretion of a licensing authority."

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

520 CMR 7.00: M. G. L. c. 140, §§ 121 through 131H.