

Puerto Rico Administrative Rule on Issuing Weapons Licenses

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Chapter 2 Weapons License

Article 2.01 Requirements

The Division of Arms Registry and License Issuance, will issue arms licenses to all petitioners who meet the following requirements:

1. Have completed twenty-one (21) years of age.
2. Have a negative criminal record and not be accused and pending or in trial for some of the crimes listed in article 2.09 of the aforementioned law 168-2019 or their equivalents, both in Puerto Rico and in any United States jurisdiction, at the federal level or in any foreign country.

3. Not be addicted to controlled substances or habitual drunk.
4. Not be declared mentally incapable by a court with jurisdiction.
5. Not have been separated from the United States Armed Forces or the Puerto Rico Police Bureau under dishonorable conditions (Dishonorable Discharge).
6. Do not incur or belong to organizations that commit acts of violence or directed to the overthrow of the constituted government.
7. Not be under a court order, or have been at any time during the past twelve (12) months prior to the application date, that prohibits you from harassing, spying, threatening or approaching an intimate partner, any family member of his or any person.
8. Be a citizen or legal resident of the United States of America.
9. Not be a person prevented by the "Federal Gun Control Act of 1968" from receiving, transporting or sending firearms or ammunition. Said Law establishes that the following persons will be prevented from receiving, transporting or sending firearms and / or ammunition
 - a. person who is a fugitive from justice;
 - b. person who has renounced American citizenship;
 - c. person who is illegally in the United States.
10. Have obtained a Certificate of use and handling of Firearms by an instructor certified by the Puerto Rico Police Bureau as provided by Law 168-2019 above and these Regulations.
11. It is not a requirement to possess a firearm in order to obtain a weapons license.

Article 2.02 Weapons License Application

1. The petitioner will complete and swear the form PR-329 titled: "Application for a Weapons License", before an authorized notary public, confirming the veracity of its content and that it complies with all the requirements set forth in Law 168-2019, and / or any other applicable state or federal law. In the case of non-resident applicants from Puerto Rico, they must accompany the request by an affidavit before an authorized person within his or her state or territory to take an oath, which must be ratified in Puerto Rico by a notary through the procedure established by law for it.
2. The application for the issuance of a weapons license must be accompanied by the following documents:
 - a. Proof of Internal Revenue for the amount of two hundred (200.00) dollars, (Code 5495). In the event that the license is denied, the amount paid will not be refundable.

The following persons will be exempt from payment:

- i. People with physical disabilities who represent Puerto Rico at an international level who are dedicated to the sport of target shooting, as certified by the Olympic Committee after consultation at no cost with the Shooting Federation.
- ii. High-performance athletes representing Puerto Rico at the international level who dedicate themselves to the sport of target shooting, as certified by the Olympic Committee after consultation at no cost with the Shooting Federation.
- iii. Active law enforcement officers and former law enforcement officers, provided that their retirement has been honorable and they have served in that capacity for not less than ten (10) years.
- iv. The officials and employees of the Government of Puerto Rico, who by reason of the position they hold and the functions they perform are required to carry firearms.

- v. State auxiliary police.
 - vi. Victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking that a competent Court has issued an order of protection in accordance with Article 2.14 of Law 168, above.
- b. Fingerprints, which must be taken digitally by a technician from the Police Bureau in the Area Command where he resides or Headquarters
 - c. Negative criminal record certificate issued no more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the request.
 - d. Non-laminated Social Security card, or alternatively any of the following Documents:
 - i. Form "W-2, wage and Tax Statement",
 - ii. Form "SSA-1099, Social Security Benefit Statement",
 - iii. Payment stub showing the applicant's name and verifiable Social Security number according to the procedures established for it in the Federal Real Identification Law of 2005,
 - iv. "US Military Identification Card,
 - v. Stamped copy of the State or Federal Return corresponding to the year in which the weapon license is applied for or to the immediately preceding year.
 - vi. Copy of credit transcript issued by an accredited university institution as long as it contains the applicant's name and social security number.
 - vii. Any copy of the following forms from the Department of the Treasury
 - a) Form 480.6A b) Form 480.6B c) Form 480.6C d) Form 480.6D
 - e) Form 480.7A f) Form 480.7C g) Form 480.7D
 - h) Form 1040 PR "Form for the Declaration of the Federal Tax on Self-Employment".
 - i) Any other document delivered by the Employer or withholding agent to the Department of the Treasury that contains the name and social security of the applicant.
- e. Valid United States Birth Certificate or Passport or any other document that certifies your legal presence in Puerto Rico and date of birth, including:
 - i. Permanent Resident Card issued by the Department of Homeland Security (I-551)
 - ii. United States Citizenship Identification Card (Form 1-197)
 - iii. Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen in the United States Form 1-179)
 - iv. Naturalization Certificate issued by the Department of Homeland Security (form (N-555 or B-570)
 - v. Certificate of citizenship issued by the Department of Homeland Security (form N-560 or N-561)
 - f. Copy of the Driver's License, or in its alternative
 - i. Identification card with photo issued by the Department of Transportation and Public Works.
 - ii. Identification card or driver's license issued in any jurisdiction of the United States, under the parameters of the Federal Real Identification Act of 2005.
 - iii. Any other photo identification issued by the government of Puerto Rico as long as it contains a photograph and personal information such as name, date of birth, gender, eye color and address.
 - iv. Consular report of birth abroad issued by the Department of Federal State (U.S. Department of State), in the following forms:
 - 1) FS-240 Consular Report of Birth
 - 2) DS-1350 Certification of Birth

3) FS-545 Certification of Birth Abroad

- v.** If the residential address on the license or identification is different from that included in the application for the issuance of a weapons license, you must present a document, which must not be more than two (2) months old, that shows your address permanent residential address or any other document to certify the petitioner's residential address. One of the following documents may be accepted:
 - a)** bills for basic services such as electric power, water, telephone, cable and / or internet
 - b)** bank statement or credit card of an institution accredited by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions;
 - c)** utilization status of medical plan including medicare; report card or credit transcripts from an accredited university;
 - d)** student scholarship approval documents;
 - e)** balance sheet of the Municipal Revenue Collection Center (CRIM) corresponding to the year requesting the weapons license
 - f)** Pay stub for the Pension of the Administration of the Retirement System of the Commonwealth.
 - g)** pay stub for Alimony or current status of the Administration for Child Support (ASUME)
 - h)** Evidence of shipping labels for packages requested by UPS, FEDEX, DHL, among others.
 - i)** In the case of people who live in residence through a lease, present a copy of the contract or letter from the owner or lessor of the property certifying that the petitioner resides at the address.
- g.** Two (2) inch by two (2) inch bust pictures, in color and where his features are clearly recognizable and recent enough to mount the petitioner in his actual appearance at the time of the request.
- h.** Use and management certificate issued by an instructor certified by the Puerto Rico Police Bureau as provided by Law 168-2019 and these regulations.
- i.** In the case of requesting a Special Weapons License for a victim of domestic violence and stalking, they will also present a copy of the current protection order.
- j.** In the case of a firearm license under the category of public official, the agencies of the Agency will present a copy of the letter of appointment. If they are public officials and employees, a letter from the head of the Agency justifying the need to carry weapons and establishing specific reasons for risk or danger faced by the employee in the performance of their work.
- k.** In the case of a gun license under the category of former public official, submit a communication from the head of the agency in which he served, certifying the date on which he began to provide services and the date on which he ceased to provide services or retired. When they are former agents of the Puerto Rico Police Bureau, the certification must establish that their retirement or resignation was honorable and was not due to mental disability.
- l.** People with a gun license from other Jurisdictions, to have the same rights and privileges enjoyed by people with a gun license in Puerto Rico, must comply with the requirements and procedures established in Act 168-2019 and these Regulations. Regarding the reciprocity aspect of the arms license of other jurisdictions with Puerto Rico, it will be subject to the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NPPR and the corresponding State.

Article 2.03 Filing of Weapons License Applications

- 1.** The Arms License Application will be filed in person at the following locations:

- a. Area Command where the applicant resides, in this case, the personnel of the weapons section will submit the application to the Division of Weapons Registration and Issuance of License of the Puerto Rico Police Department within a term not exceeding five (5) days.
 - b. Weapons Registration and Licensing Division at Headquarters.
 - c. When feasible, through the following link: <https://policia.pr.gov>. The NPPR will report when the system is available.
2. Once the person delivers the application with all the documents and the payment of the rights, the documents will be scanned and the original documents will be returned with date and time of reception of the documents, you will also be given a copy of form [PPR-515](#) entitled: "Receipt of Documents Weapons License" (Law 168-2019).
3. The NPPR employee will proceed to perform the electronic check on the petitioner's negative criminal record.
4. No application shall be accepted unless it is fully completed or any of the documents or payment of fees established in Law 168-2019 above and these Regulations are missing.
5. The application with the documents can only be filed by the following persons:
- a. the applicant
 - b. an attorney on behalf of his client. In these cases you will present an identification card to practice the law issued by the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico.
 - c. an employee of a licensed shooting club on behalf of his or her clients
 - d. person the petitioner authorizes in writing, such authorization shall include:
 - i. Full name of authorized person
 - ii. Management authorized to carry out
 - iii. Copy of a photo ID of the petitioner
 - iv. copy identification of the authorized person

Article 2.04 Issue of Weapons License

1. The Division of Arms Registration and Licensing shall issue the Arms License in a term not to exceed forty-five (45) calendar days, counted from the date the application was submitted. As of January 1, 2021, the term for the Division of Arms Registration and Licensing to complete the investigation and issue or deny the license shall be thirty (30) days. In the case of an Officer's License established in article 2.05 of Law 168-2019 above shall be issued in a term not exceeding twenty (20) calendar days. In the case of the Special License for Victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking, it will be issued within five (5) working days. The applicant may not be required to provide information in addition to the requirements laid down in Act 168-2019.

2. No incomplete gun license application will be accepted. The Division of Arms Registration and Licensing will determine and certify whether or not the applicant complies with the requirements established in Law 168-2019 and these Regulations. To this end, it will conduct an investigation in the digital archives of any government agency in Puerto Rico, the United States or any political subdivision thereof, of any foreign or international entity to which it may have access, including but not limited to the archives of the *National Crime Information Center (NCIC)*, of the *National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)*, the *Criminal Justice Information System (SILC-PR)* and the *Registro Criminal Intergrado (RCI)*.

3. In cases where the investigation conducted by the Division of Weapons Registration and Licensing reflects that the petitioner has knowingly and maliciously provided false information in his or her application, the Division of Weapons Registration and Licensing staff will immediately notify the Department of Justice of the findings, for the purpose of having them determine the reinstatement of charges for any offense under Act 168-2019 and/or any other applicable law. In such cases, the gun license will not be issued.

4. However, the licensee may request a reconsideration, provided that the information resulting from the action by the Division of Weapons Registration and Licensing is not correct. Such reconsideration will be requested within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of receipt of the notification. The request for reconsideration may be requested by the petitioner when his or her firearms license is denied because he or she has not complied with any of the requirements established in Law 168, above. The terms of response to the reconsideration process shall be governed by the provisions of said Law and Article 2.07 of these Regulations.

5. The request for reconsideration shall be submitted in person at the Firearms Licensing and Inspection Bureau located at Headquarters or by certified mail to the following address:

Bureau of Firearms Licensing and Inspection
PO Box 70166 San Juan
Puerto Rico 00936-8166

6. The request for review shall contain the following information:

- a. full name of applicant;
- b. e-mail address if available; and
- c. reasons why you believe the information resulting from the action by the Division of Weapons Registration and Licensing is not correct.

7. The Division of Arms Registration and Licensing will have to investigate, before issuing an Arms License, if the petitioner has been involuntarily entered under Law 408-2000, as amended, known as the Puerto Rico Mental Health Act. If it appears that the involuntary admission was a result of mental incapacity, the application for a Weapons License must be denied.

8. The Police Bureau may not use or allow this information to be used for a purpose not specified in Law 168-2019. This information will only be used to determine who is mentally capable of possessing and carrying a firearm. Information obtained under this section will be confidential and will not be considered a public document. Any breach of confidentiality will entail the imposition of an administrative fine of \$ 500.00 as provided by law 168-2019 above and /or the filing of a complaint by the commission of a less serious crime as provided by law 408-2000. In the case of the employees of the Puerto Rico Police Bureau, they will also be subject to an administrative investigation as provided by the regulations of the Puerto Rico Police Bureau.

Article 2.05 Investigative Power of the Commissioner

The Commissioner may, when he has reasonable grounds and reasonable suspicion and in a passive manner, without disturbing the peace and tranquility of the person being investigated or interrupting the privacy of the home, carry out investigations that he deems pertinent after granting the license to the petitioner, to investigate the complaints presented by provide false information against the person with a gun license. If after carrying out the pertinent investigation, it turns out that the petitioner has knowingly given false information in his application or does not comply with the requirements established by law and these Regulations, the revocation and seizure of the weapons license and the seizure will proceed immediately of

all the firearms and ammunition that the petitioner had, leaving this subject to be prosecuted for the crime of perjury and for the corresponding violations of Law 168-2019 above or any other applicable law.

It shall be the ministerial duty of the Commissioner to investigate any complaint filed. The Division of Arms Registration and Licensing Issues will keep a digitized record of the results of the investigations in order to maintain statistics on the complaints and the results of the investigations.

The Commissioner shall be empowered to intervene, investigate, review and corroborate the use of ammunition and firearms by the same person when the purchase of said ammunition exceeds the amount of twenty thousand (20,000) per year or the purchase of weapons exceeds ten (10).

Article 2.06 Responsibility for The Use of Licenses and the Handling of Weapons

Every citizen to whom a weapons license is granted, shall be responsible for the use of licenses and the handling of weapons, the Government of Puerto Rico, its departments, agencies and municipalities, being free of responsibility for said individual use, except when these have vicarious responsibility for the acts of their employees or agents.

Article 2.07 Reconsideration

If from the investigation of the digital files it is found that the petitioner does not meet the requirements, the weapons license will not be issued, but without prejudice to the petitioner being able to request it again in the future, in these cases the petitioner may request reconsideration within the next fifteen (15) calendar days counted from receiving the notification of the denial. Said reconsideration must be filed personally or by its legal representative in the Bureau of Firearms Licensing and Inspection Investigations located on the sixth floor of the Headquarters in Hato Rey or by certified mail to the following address:

Bureau of Firearms Licensing and Inspection investigations
PO Box 70166 San Juan, PR 00936-08166

In the event that the denial is upheld or a determination is not issued within the established term, the petitioner may go to the Court of First Instance to request the review of the administrative decision. In those cases that the Firearms Licensing and Inspection Investigation Bureau does not issue a determination within fifteen (15) natural days, the petitioner will have the right to go to the Municipal Court by means of a petition to settle the controversy, which will have to be resolved within fifteen (15) calendar days.

Article 2.08 Exempt Persons Weapons License Requirements to Use Weapons

Law enforcement officers may use government-assigned weapons without a license. In addition, members of the United States Armed Forces and the National Guard of Puerto Rico may use, without a license, those weapons assigned to them by these bodies while they are in official functions.

All law enforcement officers who carry weapons will be trained in the use and handling of weapons by officials or contractors of the agencies that employ them who are qualified to certify the use, handling and security measures of firearms. It shall be the duty of the agency that employs said agent to submit a certification to the Commissioner through the following email registrodearmas@policia.pr.gov that the training established here has been carried out. Said certification will be sent annually on or before December 31 of each year. When feasible, the certification will be submitted through the following link <http://policia.pr.gov/>.

In the event that the employer authorizes an additional weapon, the annual training shall include practice of shooting with the additional weapon, including exercises to draw the firearm from the area of the body where the additional weapon will be carried.

Article 2.09 Certification Use Firearms Handling

Any person applying for a weapon license or the renewal thereof shall be trained in the use and handling of firearms by certified and qualified instructors to offer a course on the use and handling of weapons by the Puerto Rico Police Bureau as provided Law 168, above and these Regulations.

Article 2.10 Public Official Weapons License

The following officials and employees qualify for an expedited process, as long as they are not impeded by Law 168, above and / or any other federal or state law of possessing firearms:

- a. the Governor and the former Governors of the Government of Puerto Rico;
- b. the legislators and ex-legislators of the Legislative branch of Puerto Rico;
- c. the mayors and former mayors of the municipalities of Puerto Rico;
- d. the secretaries and heads of agencies of the Government of Puerto Rico;
- e. the judges of the Judicial Branch of Puerto Rico and federal and the judges of the Judicial Branch of Puerto Rico and federal;
- f. the prosecutors of the Government of Puerto Rico and federal, the attorneys for minors of the Government of Puerto Rico and former prosecutors of the Government of Puerto Rico and federal, former attorneys for minors of the Government of Puerto Rico;
- g. the Commissioner and the former commissioners of the Police Bureau;
- h. active law enforcement officers and former law enforcement officers, provided their retirement has been honorable and they have served in that capacity for not less than ten (10) years;
- i. the officials and employees of the Government of Puerto Rico, who due to the position they hold and the functions they perform are required to carry firearms; and
- j. State auxiliary police.

Article 2.11 Special Weapon License for Victims of Domestic Violence And Stalking

1. Every victim of domestic violence and stalking to whom a court with jurisdiction has issued a protection order and who so requests will be issued a special weapons license, free of cost, which will be valid for ninety (90) days, as long as the victim of domestic violence and stalking complies with the requirements established in Law 168 above and article 2.01 and 2.02 of these Regulations, except the payment of proof of Internal Revenue. In addition, you must submit a copy of the current Protection Order issued by a competent court.
2. The victim of domestic violence and stalking who is granted the special license herein provided, may, within the term of ninety (90) days of validity of the special license, request the regular weapons license, which will be issued free of cost. , as long as it continues to comply with the other requirements established in Law 168. For this, it will only present the form [PPR-1078](#) titled: "Change of Special License Domestic Violence and Stalking to Gun License" certifying that the circumstances submitted in the Special License have not changed.
3. If you do not submit your application for a weapons license in due time, you must sell, transfer or deliver any weapon that belongs to a person with a weapons license, a gunsmith license or the Arms Depot of the Headquarters,

4. The renewal of this license will be in accordance with the provisions of Law 168 above and these Regulations for all ordinary weapons licenses.

5. The Special License will not be issued if it appears from the investigation that the person has been involuntarily entered under the protection of Law 408-2000, as amended, as a consequence of a mental disability.

6. In the event that the prosecutor requests an order of protection in a criminal proceeding or as a condition for probation or probation in favor of the victim, it will guide the victim on the procedure to follow to obtain the Special License for Victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking.

Article 2.12 Grounds for Refusing to Issue Licenses

The Division of Arms Registry and License Issuance will not issue a weapons license, or if it has been issued, the weapons license of any person who has been convicted, in Puerto Rico, in any other US jurisdiction, or foreign pair, will be revoked, of any serious crime or its attempt, for a less serious crime involving violence, for conduct constituting domestic violence, as defined in Act No. 54 of August 15, 1989, as amended, or conduct constituting stalking, as defined in Act 284-1999, as amended, or for conduct constituting child abuse, as defined in Law 246-2011, as amended, "Law for the Safety, Welfare and Protection of Minors".

In those cases where the gun license is revoked, the Commissioner will proceed to occupy the firearms and /or ammunition that the person with the gun license possesses. The owner of the firearms and /or ammunition may dispose of his firearms, as long as they have not been used in the commission of a crime, through the sale, donation, transfer or assignment to any person with a valid gun or gunsmith license.

A person with a weapons license may voluntarily consign the firearms and / or ammunition in his possession to the nearest district headquarters or precinct, once he becomes aware that there is an investigation, accusation or order of protection against his person.

Nor shall any license be issued to a person declared mentally incapacitated, habitual drunk, or addicted to the use of substances controlled by a court with jurisdiction, or to any person who has been separated under dishonorable conditions from the United States Armed Forces, or to any person who has been convicted of any violation of the provisions of this Law or of the previous Arms Laws; or the license issued will be revoked if the person adheres to any of these circumstances.

Article 2.13 Weapons License Validity

The Arms License will be valid for five (5) years and its expiration will coincide with the applicant's date of birth. Once said term has elapsed, the weapons license must be renewed in order to continue possessing, carrying and / or transporting firearms. The Special License for victims of domestic violence and stalking will be valid for ninety (90) days.

No person may possess, carry and / or transport firearms with an expired weapon license, under penalty of being imposed an administrative fine of five hundred (500) dollars for each weapon that transports or carries an expired license. The person with an expired gun license will be prevented from purchasing or in any way acquiring weapons and ammunition.

Nothing in the foregoing shall in any way prevent the person who possesses an expired arms license from disposing, whether by sale, assignment, donation or transfer of his arms and / or ammunition, to a person who holds a Weapons License or current gunsmith, provided that said transaction shall be carried out by means of a gunsmith.

Article 2.14 Weapons License Renewal

The person with a gun license, who is interested in renewing it, may begin the renewal process six (6) months before and will have up to thirty (30) days after the expiration date of the gun license to renew without being exposed to fines.

The non-renewal of the weapons license after the thirty (30) days mentioned above, will carry an administrative fine of twenty-five (25) dollars per month up to a maximum of six (5) months, an amount that must be satisfied as a requirement for renewal.

The person with a weapons license who is interested in renewing it, will do so by completing form [PPR-329](#) above, accompanied by the documents provided by Article 2.02 of Law 168 above and the provisions of these Regulations, except that the Internal Revenue Receipt will be for the amount of one hundred (100) dollars.

If after six (6) months the person does not renew the weapons license, the Commissioner shall cancel it, and seize the weapons and ammunition. None of the above prevents a person who has had his gun license revoked for his inaction from requesting *de novo* another license and is sentenced, provided that he has paid any outstanding fine, in which case he may recover the seized weapons, if the Commissioner would not have disposed of them, as provided in Leu 168-2019 above. (**Note:** “*de novo*” means to start over.)

The person with a weapons license who moves outside the jurisdiction of Puerto Rico and who does not have weapons registered in his name in the Electronic Registry who does not renew his weapons license within the term established herein and who then determines to request *de novo* another license will not be subject to fines related to non-renewal.

Once the license is renewed, the Division of Arms Registry and License Issuance will issue, upon satisfaction of renewal rights, the new license within the next fifteen (15) calendar days, unless it has just cause to delay it. The number of the Arms License will be kept through all the updates that are made of it, provided that such updating is authorized in accordance with the provisions of this Law. When feasible, the request for renewal will be made through the following link: <https://policia.pr.gov>, however, you will have to go to the Area Command or General Quarter to take the fingerprints and complete the filing of the renewal request.

Article 2.15 Powers Granted by the Arms License

Any person with a gun license issued in accordance with Law 168 above and these Regulations may acquire, buy, transport, sell, donate, loan, transfer, have, possess, guard, carry, use and drive weapons, firearms, ammunition, and any pertinent accessories permitted by this Law, in all places subject to the jurisdiction of the Government of Puerto Rico, provided that:

- 1.** A weapons license is required to carry weapons and this will be done in a hidden or non-ostentatious manner except for authorized persons who are carrying out legitimate target shooting or hunting activities, within the premises where this activity is carried out, They may carry and transport their weapons in an exposed manner.
- 2.** Only one firearm is allowed to be carried at a time. While on the premises of an authorized shooting club or in those places where hunting is pre-practiced, more than one firearm may be carried, in accordance with the Weapons Law and / or any other applicable law.
- 3.** It is allowed to transport more than one firearm at a time, if the other weapons are unloaded, inside a closed case that does not reflect their content and that are not in plain sight.
- 4.** People with a gun license can only buy ammunition of the caliber that can be used by the weapons they have registered in their name.

5. Law enforcement officers, as defined in Law 168-2019 above, and private security guards with a weapons license, in uniform and in the exercise of their duties, may carry a firearm in an exposed manner and may carry a additional firearm in a hidden and non-ostentatious manner as provided by the employer's regulations.

6. In the case of the members of the Puerto Rico Police Department, the carrying of an additional weapon while in service shall be in accordance with the General Order, Chapter 600, Section 618.

7. Any person with a gun license who has five (5) or more weapons will be required to keep eighty percent (80%) of these in a safe place, locked and fixed to the property, so that the weapons cannot be easily stolen. This provision includes the cases in which the person owns such quantity either because he owns them or in combination with the weapons received by the successor, administrator, deputy administrator, agent, executor, trustee or person legally authorized to administer the property of the deceased while partitioning the inheritance or custody temporary firearm of another person with a valid gun license due to particular circumstances.

8. Any person with a weapons license obliged to comply with the security measures set forth in the previous subsection must submit an affidavit to the Division of Arms Registry and License Issuance attesting that it complies with the security requirement. Said Division shall impose an administrative fine of five hundred (500) dollars for each weapon that is stolen from the person with a gun license that does not comply with the security measures established herein. When feasible, this affidavit will be electronically filed at the following link <https://policia.pr.gov>

9. Firearms or ammunition may only be donated, sold, transferred, assigned, loaned, left in custody or any other form of transfer of control or domain, among people who have a weapons or armorer license, except from within shooting club grounds or hunting grounds for legitimate sporting activity, where persons with a weapons license may lend arms and provide ammunition for such weapons to other licensed persons.

10. The Gun License does not authorize a person with a gun license to engage in the business of renting, buying, and selling firearms, gunpowder, or ammunition, with the purchase, donation, transfer, assignment, and sale of these being limited to their personal weapons and ammunition, exclusively to dealers with valid weapons licenses or to a gunsmith. No person who does not have a gunsmith's license may hold raffles, fairs or other sales promotions for weapons and / or ammunition.

11. Any person who does not have a gunsmith license that carries out raffles, fairs or other promotions for the sale of weapons and / or ammunition in contravention of Law 168, above, the weapons license will be revoked.

Article 2.16 Issue of Fines

A. Authority To Issue Tickets

1. Law 168-2019 above authorizes law enforcement officers to impose a fine in the following circumstances:

- a.** any person with a gun license for ostentatiously protruding weapons without concealment;
- b.** person who has or possesses arms and / or ammunition with the expired weapons license;
- c.** stop notifying the change of residential or postal address within three (30) days of the change;
- d.** Causeholder, administrator, executor, trustee, deputy administrator, agent or person legally authorized to administer the property of the deceased fails to notify the Licensing Office within twenty (20) days of the death of the person with arms license that is the owner of firearms and / or ammunition or, failing that, five days from the date on which the knowledge that the deceased owner of firearms and / or ammunition became known;

- e. the gunsmith's license or a copy thereof is not placed in a visible place in the establishment;
 - f. display firearms, ammunition or imitations thereof in a place of the commercial establishment dedicated to the sale of firearms where they can be seen from outside the business;
 - g. A person with a current weapons license carries or transports a firearm or part thereof without having their weapons license with them and cannot prove that they are authorized to carry weapons;
 - h. The person who is a precarist or material possessor by virtue of some title or right of said property or real estate that is present in said property and knows that a person has incurred in a violation of article 6.14 of Law 168-2019 above fails to alert the Puerto Rico Police Bureau of the commission of the crime.
2. The following fines may only be issued by the Arms Registry and License Issue Division:
- a. Any person who discloses personal information of a person who has applied for or received a weapons license pursuant to Article 2.01 of Law 168, above. Note: This fine will not apply if it is obtained through a search and search warrant, it is a criminal investigation or because the security of a civilian or the state is in danger and is carried out by the Department of Public Security or the authorities. corresponding federals.
 - b. Any person with a gun license who owns five (5) or more weapons who does not comply with the obligation to keep eighty percent (80%) of them in a safe place and under lock and key fixed to a formal property so that they cannot be easily stolen and your firearms property is stolen, the fine will be for each stolen firearm;
 - c. the fines for failing to renew the weapons license within the terms established in Law 168 above.

B. Content of the Fine

The fine issued for violations of Law 168, above shall contain at least the following:

- 1. date of the events;
- 2. time of the facts;
- 3. place of infringement;
- 4. name of the intervened person;
- 5. amount of the fine to pay;
- 6. provision of the violated law;
- 7. infringement committed;
- 8. MNPPR signature that issues the ticket;
- 9. MNPPR plate that issues the ticket;
- 10. work unit of the Member of the Puerto Rico Police Bureau that issues the ticket;
- 11. instructions for payment of the fine; and / or
- 12. Instructions to request the appeal for review, complying with the procedural guarantees established in Law 168-2019.

C. Procedure to Issue Tickets

- 1. Law enforcement officers will adopt all security measures when intervening with a violator of Law 168 above, once intervention is safe, the law enforcement officer will comply with the following procedure:
 - a. You will fill in the ticket with a pen in blue ink, when feasible it will be completed electronically.

b. The law enforcement officer will deliver the first copy of the ticket to the intervened person, the original of the ticket will be forwarded within the next three (3) business days to the Division of Weapons Registration and License Issuance.

c. The second copy will be filed in the work unit assigned by the law enforcement officer.

D. Request for Fine Review

1. The person with a gun license to whom the fine has been imposed will have sixty (60) calendar days to request a revision of the fine. This review will be requested in person at the Legal Affairs Office of the Headquarters or by certified mail to the following address:

Legal Affairs Office
PO Box 70166 San Juan, PR. 00936-08166

2. The Office of Legal Affairs shall hold an administrative hearing within a term not exceeding forty-five (45) calendar days counted from the day the request for revision was submitted. The Office of Legal Affairs will have fifteen (15) calendar days to issue a resolution where the fine imposed is upheld, reviewed, modified or eliminated. If said hearing is not held due to the responsibility of the State within the established term, the fine will be left without effect and administratively it will be filed. If the fine is upheld, the person with a gun license may go to a court with jurisdiction to review the administrative decision.

3. If the person with a weapons license repeats in carrying his weapon in an ostentatious way on three (3) occasions, the Division of Arms Registry and License Issuance will notify the person by written communication of the revocation of the weapons license. The notice of revocation will contain the following information:

a. date, time and place of issue of each of the tickets;

b. name of each of the law enforcement officers who issued the fine; and

c. procedure and end to request administrative hearing.

E. Payment of a fine

The payment of the fine may be made in any of the divisions of Registry of Weapons and Issuance of License of the thirteen (13) police areas by means of Internal Revenue Receipt code 5495 in favor of the Puerto Rico Police Bureau. The staff of said Division will cancel the voucher.

Article 2.17 Firearm Transactions

The purchase, donation, transfer, transfer and sale of arms and ammunition between private persons with a license shall be carried out before the Division of Arms Registry and License Issuance or before a person with a gunsmith license, and after checking the buyer's criminal record. , electronically in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) digital file

In the case of a person with a gunsmith's license, it will comply with the provisions of Public Law 103-159 of November 30, 1993, as amended, known as the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, federal regulation 28 CFR 25 and the administrative order ATF procedure 2017 -1 "Recordkeeping and Background Check Procedure for Facilitation of Private Party Firearms Transfers" and / or any other applicable federal provision.

If at the time of the transaction, the buyer does not have a license because he is in the process of applying, the weapons and /or ammunition must be consigned in an armory or with a person with a current weapons

license, until the process is completed and he obtains the mentioned license. Said transaction must be registered by the gunsmith or the Arms Registry and License Issuance Division in the Electronic Registry.

Any person who fails to comply with the obligation herein provided, will be prosecuted in accordance with Law 168 above, in the event of being convicted three (3) times, the court will also order the Division of Weapons Registration and License Issuance in the Electronic Registry, which immediately and indefinitely revokes the weapons license and seizes all the firearms and ammunition that the convict had.

Article 2.18 People With a Gun License From Other Jurisdictions

In order to have the same rights and privileges as those enjoyed by persons with a firearms license in Puerto Rico, persons with firearms licenses from other jurisdictions must comply with the requirements of Law 168-2019. The NPPR Commissioner may establish memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with states and/or territories of the United States that have similar requirements to Act 168-2019.

Once the Commissioner of the NPPR establishes the MOUs, the person who complies with the established requirements and intends to introduce one or more weapons and/or ammunition into Puerto Rico must inform the Division of Weapons Registration and Licensing. Said notification will be made on form [PPR-1062](#) entitled: "Notification of Intention to Introduce Weapons and/or Ammunition" with five (5) working days prior to the introduction of the weapons and/or ammunition into Puerto Rico. Whenever possible, the notification will be made through the following link: [Puerto Rico Police](#) In these cases, the firearms will be registered in the Real Plus System.

Article 2.19 Duplicate Gun License Card

The Division of Arms Registration and Licensing will issue a duplicate firearms license when requested by a person with a firearms license, upon payment of fifty (50) dollars by means of a Proof of Internal Revenue (Code 5495) and the presentation of an affidavit establishing the reason why it requires a duplicate to be issued. The applicant shall fill out form [PPR-354](#) entitled: "Application for a Gun License, Other Licenses, Certificate or Card". When viable, the application will be submitted through the following link: www.policia.pr.gov.

Article 2.20 Change of Address

Any person with a firearm license shall report to the Division of Weapons Registration and Licensing its change of residential or mailing address within thirty (30) days of the change, on pain of an administrative fine of one hundred dollars (100), to be paid as a requirement for renewal of the license. To do so, you must fill out form [PPR-1057](#) entitled: "Notification of Change of Address". Whenever possible you will be notified through the following link: <https://policia.pr.gov>.

Article 2.21 Lost Firearms and/or Ammunition

Any person who through loss, disappearance, theft or illegal appropriation loses control, possession, dominion or custody of a firearm and/or ammunition, has the obligation to notify, as soon as possible, but always within forty-eight (48) hours after he became aware of it, by filing a complaint at the District Headquarters or Precinct of the nearest Police Station of Puerto Rico where he became aware of it. If the person fails to comply with this obligation the person will be prosecuted in accordance with Law 168-2019 above.

Article 2.22 Custody of Firearms

Any person in possession of a firearm and/or ammunition may give his firearm and/or ammunition to another person with a valid firearm license, in cases where it is understood that for particular reasons he should not

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have the firearm with him at any given time. The transferor shall notify by means of form [PPR-1058](#) entitled: "Notification of Temporary Assignment of Firearms and/or Ammunition", as soon as possible, but always within the first forty-eight (48) hours, if the assignment is for a period of time greater than seventy-two (72) hours, to the Division of Weapons Registration and Issuance of License, of the temporary assignment of the firearms and/or ammunition, including the date when the temporary assignment ends.

In addition, the transferor shall notify the reasons for which he has transferred custody of the firearms and/or ammunition, the name, address and license number of the transferee, the type of weapon transferred with a description of the weapon, including the serial number and the address where the weapon and/or ammunition is located. If the temporary transfer extends for more than thirty (30) days, the firearms must be returned to the owner of the registry, or the transfer must be registered in the Electronic Registry in the name of the transferee, as provided by Law 168-2019 above. Failure to comply with the obligation will be prosecuted in accordance with Law 168-2019 above. Whenever possible, the notification will be made through the following link: [Puerto Rico Police](#)

Article 2.23 Death of Weapons License Holder

When a person with a firearms and/or hunting license who owns firearms and/or ammunition dies, it will be the duty of the successors, administrator, executor, sub-administrator trustee, agent or person legally authorized to administer the assets of the deceased, shall notify the Division of Weapons Registration and Licensing within twenty (20) days of the date of death or, in the absence thereof, five (5) days from the date of notice of the deceased's knowledge of firearms and/or ammunition.

Notification will be made on Form [PPR-1059](#) entitled: "Notice of Death of Owner of Firearm and/or Ammunition". The notification will state the name, address, firearm and/or hunting license number, as well as the personal circumstances of the deceased. If the notification is not fulfilled, an administrative fine of two hundred and fifty (250) dollars will be imposed and the firearms and/or ammunition will be seized.

It shall be the duty of the successors in title, administrator, executor, trustee, deputy administrator, agent or person legally authorized to administer the goods of the concessionaire to guard the weapons and of this not possessing a weapons license, deposit them in an armory or with a person with a weapons license in force, for the storage and custody of the same, while the partition of the inheritance is made.

If the firearms are awarded to an heir who is eligible to obtain a weapons license, and such a license is issued, said firearm or firearms will be issued to him. In case of denying the aforementioned license to the heir to whom the firearms were awarded, he may proceed with the sale, donation, transfer or lease of these, only to a person with a current weapons license or to a gunsmith. In cases where firearms and /or ammunition are not awarded to a specific heir, it may be sold to a person with a current weapons license or to a gunsmith, or at public auction and the money from the sale It will be reverted to the relict flow.