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Information Regarding a License to Carry Permit

As a result of the recent United States Supreme Court decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Assoc. v Bruen*, it is anticipated there will be an increase in applications for and approvals of licenses to carry handguns in the State of New Jersey. A license to carry permit authorizes people to carry handguns in an open or concealed manner in public in this State and the law at present only restricts them from carrying at educational institutions, State parks, and casino floors; they are not by law restricted from bars, restaurants, or privately owned businesses. Because there are no other location restrictions other than the foregoing when a person has a valid permit to carry, the police cannot remove a person from a place of business because of the handgun unless the business has elected to prohibit handguns from its premises. Accordingly, we are notifying private businesses they are legally permitted to restrict the possession of firearms from their business premises. Should you elect to do so contact your attorney and seek guidance as to the proper signage, procedures, and policies. Should you elect to restrict handguns from your place of business, that person should be asked to leave and if they refuse then the police should be contacted.

The Supreme Court decision quickly changed the handgun carry laws in New Jersey. By providing this notice, we hope to reduce any confusion and potential conflict between persons legally permitted to carry a handgun and business owners.

Chief Kevin J. Mahon