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➔ **IMPORTANT SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REGARDING FIREARMS APPLICATIONS** ←

Please Read This Entire Document Carefully

If your application is denied, it is usually due to one of several factors: disqualifying criminal record, false answer to any question on the application or to any question asked by the licensing administrator during the interview, or criminal information omitted from (or not attached to) the application as required. As a result of enacting the Massachusetts Gun Control Act of 1998, **for the purposes of firearms licensing**, any and all previous detentions, arrests, court appearances, juvenile adjudications, including any “Sealed” records will be accessed and considered in order to determine the statutory eligibility and suitability of all applicants for licenses to carry and possess firearms. After reading this form, you will be asked specific questions regarding personal background, past criminal history, etc. You must answer all questions fully and truthfully. Failure to do so will result in your application being denied.

In addition, Question # 4 on the application asks, “Have you ever appeared in any court as a defendant for any criminal offense (excluding non-criminal traffic offenses)? The key word here is “appeared”. This does not mean just following an arrest. You must account for any court appearance as a criminal defendant, except for non-criminal traffic offenses. Having been arrested or charged, and convicted of a crime does not necessarily prohibit someone from getting a license to carry firearms or an FID card. **Not listing the appearance will.**

Please note that “ever appeared” includes all adult and juvenile court appearances. It does not matter if you were found “not guilty”, “not delinquent”, if the charges were “dismissed”, or if the case was “continued without a finding”, etc. You must list all appearances. If you don’t answer the questions truthfully, we will receive the information as part of the normal application process. There is no length of time that secures this information. You must tell us if you have a “sealed” record, but you do not have to disclose what the offense was. We will receive notification of any “sealed record” disqualifiers from the Commonwealth.

If your application is denied, we will not accept excuses or explanations relating to withholding this information. No matter the offense, how long ago it occurred, whether it has been brought up in the past, or if you were told it would never come up, **YOU MUST DISCLOSE ALL COURT APPEARANCES AS A DEFENDANT.**

Make any necessary changes now. If necessary, you may contact the Massachusetts Criminal History Systems Board (www.ma.gov/chsb/firearms) to learn how to obtain your Massachusetts criminal record check before you submit your application. If there is any omission or if any false answer is found, your application will be denied and you may face criminal prosecution.

Signed: _____

Date: _____