

**CHAPTER 54**

**FIREARMS AND WEAPONS**

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION CARD AND PERMIT TO PURCHASE A HANDGUN**

**13:54-1.1 Firearms purchaser identification cards and permits to purchase handguns**

This subchapter prescribes the requirements and procedures for the issuance of firearms purchaser identification cards, permits to purchase handguns and the general rules for holders of such permits and identification cards.

**Case Notes**

Statute making falsifying answers on "any instrument required by law" in purchasing a firearm a State offense includes falsification on Federal as well as State forms; State has jurisdiction over offense involving Federal forms if offense occurred within the State's borders (citing former N.J.A.C. 13:54-5.8). State v. Pleva, 203 N.J.Super. 178, 496 A.2d 375 (App.Div.1985) certification denied 102 N.J. 323, 508 A.2d 203.

**13:54-1.2 Definitions**

The words and terms used in this chapter shall have the following meanings:

"Ammunition" means various projectiles, including bullets, missiles, slugs or balls together with fuses, propelling charges and primers that may be fired, ejected, projected, released, or emitted from firearms or weapons.

"Antique cannon" means any weapon which satisfies the definition of an antique firearm and which is also capable of firing a projectile of a caliber greater than .60 caliber, except a shotgun or shotgun ammunition generally recognized as suitable for sporting purposes.

"Antique firearm" means any firearm which is incapable of being fired or discharged, or which does not fire fixed ammunition regardless of date of manufacture, or was manufactured before 1898 for which cartridge ammunition is not commercially available, and is possessed as a curiosity or ornament or for its historical significance or value.

"Assault firearms" means:

1. The following firearms:

Algimec AGM1 type

Any shotgun with a revolving cylinder such as the "Street Sweeper" or "Striker 12"

Armalite AR-180 type

Australian Automatic Arms SAR

Avtomat Kalashnikov type semi-automatic firearms

Beretta AR-70 and BM59 semi-automatic firearms

Bushmaster Assault Rifle

Calico M-900 Assault carbine and M-900

CETME G3

Chartered Industries of Singapore SR-88 type

Colt AR-15 and CAR-15 series

Daewoo K-1, K-2, Max 1 and Max 2, AR 100 types

Demro TAC-1 carbine type

Encom MP-9 and MP-45 carbine types

FAMAS MAS223 types

FN-FAL, FN-LAR, or FN-FNC type semi-automatic firearms

Franchi SPAS 12 and LAW 12 shotguns

G3SA type

Galil type

Heckler and Koch HK91, HK93, HK94, MP5, PSG-1

Intratec TEC 9 and 22 semi-automatic firearms

M1 carbine type

M14S type

MAC 10, MAC 11, MAC 11-9 mm carbine type firearms

PJK M-68 carbine type

Plainfield Machine Company Carbine

Ruger K-Mini-14/5 and Mini-14/5

SIG AMT, SIG 550SP, SIG 551SP, SIG PE-57 types

SKS with detachable magazine type

Spectre Auto carbine type