

Notice: It will be months before we will know exactly how Act 168 will be Administered! Until that time do not try to take a firearm or ammunition into Puerto Rico!

When laws are passed like Act 168 the agency that will put this Act into practice will write Administrative Rules on how the act will be applied. It will take time for those rules to be written and then most likely more time before those are available in English. How some items in the act will be administered will not be known until they write those Administrative Rules.

“Wording below in black is taken from a Google Apps Translation. Handgunlaw.us words will be in brackets and (Red)”

All firearms will be registered and no private sales. Must go thru FFL

twenty-one (21) years of age. (To Apply for a license to Carry)

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

(1) A weapons license is required to carry weapons and this will be done hidden or non-ostentatious form. (No Open Carry except when hunting/target shooting)

(i) Only one firearm is allowed at a time. (Can only carry one concealed firearm)

(ii) It is allowed to transport more than one firearm at a time, if the others weapons are unloaded, in a closed case that does not reflect their content and they are not at a glance. (Out of sight)

(iii) While on the premises of an authorized shooting club or in those places where hunting sport is practiced, you can carry more than one firearm, in accordance with this Law and others applicable laws.

Firearms or ammunition may only be donated, sold, transferred, leave in custody or any other form of transfer of control or of domain, among people who hold a gun or gunsmith license, except within the premises of shooting clubs or hunting places for activity legitimate sports, (Previously in PR you could not rent or touch a firearm without a firearm license. This allows anyone at a shooting club to rent and shoot a firearm while at that shooting facility)

Can only purchase ammunition of cal of firearm you own. If renting a firearm at a shooting range can buy ammo there for the cal of firearm you rent.

Any person who does not have a gunsmith license may hold raffles, fairs or other sales promotions of weapons and / or ammunition.

(8) The purchase, donation, transfer, transfer and sale of weapons and ammunition between Private persons licensed, will be held before the Licensing Office of Weapons or before a person with a gunsmith license, (Universal Background Checks)

(9) Persons with a weapons license from other jurisdictions, to have the same rights and privileges enjoyed by persons with a weapons license of Puerto Rico, shall comply with the requirements of this Act. In turn they must inform the Weapons Licensing Office, in case they have the intention of introducing one or more weapons and / or ammunition to Puerto Rico. The Commissioner shall provide through regulations, the manner in which will make said notification. (This is one place in the Act where it implies that other states permits will be honored but you will be required to notify Puerto Rico you are going to INTRODUCE a firearm into Puerto Rico before you get there. They will have to write rules on how this will be done)

Any person carrying a weapon in Puerto Rico shall comply with the requirement that weapons and ammunition must be transported within closed cases that do not reflect its contents or carry it in a hidden way not ostentatious In addition, any person with a weapons license who has five (5) or more weapons, will be required to maintain eighty percent (80%) of you are in a safe place, and locked and fixed to the property, so that the Weapons cannot be easily stolen (If you have 5 or more firearms 4 out of 5 must be safely secured. What is safely secured will most likely be spelled out in the Administrative Rules that will be written. That “fixed to the property” means to me to be a gun safe attached to the property.)

The Weapons License will be valid for five (5) years and will expire will match the applicant's date of birth.

\$200 to apply and \$100 to renew. Fingerprints will be by Electric Fingerprinting. (I can see no reference to a charge to fingerprinting but there will most likely be a charge)

It will be a requirement to request or renew a weapons license, training on the use and handling of firearms. The Police Bureau will certify and qualify the people who will offer the courses of use and handling of weapons. The Police Bureau recognize the instructor certifications issued by private institutions that comply with the minimum requirements established by the Commissioner through regulation. The person certified by the Police Bureau to offer the courses will issue a Certificate of Use and Management, which will certify the participation and the compliance in the Course of Use and Management of Firearms. The Course of Use and Firearms Management must contain a theoretical and a practical part. The Commissioner will determine by regulation all other aspects related to the Course of Use and Management of Firearms. (Training will be required. Trainers will have to be certified by PR. . It also looks like there may be training required to renew. Again we will have to wait on the Admin Rules to know exactly how they are going to administer the program.)

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Recognition of all other states permits. Caution as you might have to notify Puerto Rico you are coming and have some type of Paperwork they issue to legally bring your firearm into Puerto Rico. We are not sure of this but until you try to take a firearm into Puerto Rico you should contact them to make sure you are not breaking their laws. We will have to wait for more info on this.)

Carry Weapons for Victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking. The Commissioner, in coordination with the Department of Justice, will establish a expedited procedure by which to grant victims of domestic violence and stalking, to whom a competent Court has issued an order of protection and upon request, a Special Weapons License. This special license does not It will have no cost and will have a temporary validity of ninety (90) days, provided that the victim of domestic violence or stalking who is granted the license here willing, in this term must request the regular weapons license, which will be Issued free of charge, as long as it complies with the other requirements of this Law.

The Weapons Licensing Office will issue a special license for minors, by the term of validity of the arms license of the father, mother, guardian or guardian, to those minors who practice the sport of shooting with firearms, always who are at least seven (7) years old and the authorization of the father, mother, guardian or custodian, provided that he has a valid weapons license.

The application for a special license for minors must also be accompanied by an Internal Revenue stamp in the amount of twenty-five (25) dollars and two (2) portraits of two (2) inches by two (2) inches of the child, in color and where their features are clearly recognizable and recent enough to show the petitioner in Your actual appearance at the time of the request. The special license for minors will consist of a card printed on a blue background to differentiate it from weapons licenses. This Special license for minors may be renewed for additional periods of five (5) years, prior to the requirements established in the previous paragraph and the payment of a right to ten (10) dollars in an Internal Revenue stamp. However, under no circumstances the validity of this special license may be extended beyond sixty (60) days from the date on which the minor reaches his age of majority. The renewal request will be made using the form provided for these purposes by the Weapons Licensing Office. (Children are allowed to target shoot etc. but have to have a license before they can participate.)

(Puerto Rico is also stating they will assist shooting clubs to have matches and even a national championship shoot for different classes and award trophies to the winners. Under previous laws a person had to have a permit to even touch a firearm even at a shooting range. Now anyone at a shooting range can rent a firearm and shoot it without any type of permit. This will also open the PR to visitors to shoot.)

Articles 3.04.- Provisional Shooting Permits.

(a) It will not be necessary to obtain a weapons license or special permit to Target shooting competition participants, for domiciled athletes outside of Puerto Rico, as long as they are held within a facility licensed by the Weapons Licensing Office. It will be necessary that any federation, association or shooting organization that organizes any Target shooting competition, and invite athletes domiciled outside of Port Rico, and that they intend to travel to Puerto Rico with their firearms and / or ammunition, to notify with a minimum of ten (10) working days of

manticipation of the entry of firearms and / or ammunition of participants in the competition and obtain the corresponding permission from the Arms Licensing Office prior to the entry of firearms and ammunition All participants will accredit, in document that under regulation The Weapons Licensing Office will have to be created, which nothing prevents it from owning weapons according to our laws. The signing of said document by the Applicant competitor, will constitute oath and provide false information will be subject to perjury and any other provision of applicable law. So what The same document must be reported. (This would be without a permit to carry they honor. The law on reciprocity states that a person must inform PR before bringing a firearm into the country and have proper paperwork. This may be the same way they will do it for permit holders with permits to carry issued by any other states. Again we will have to wait until the Adminstrative Rules are written to know exactly how they will administer this Act.)
