



2024 Firearm Law Changes *Effective 2/13/2024*

Below are the firearm law changes that take effect on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 as it pertains to the purchase of a firearm. If you have any further questions regarding the purchase or sale of a firearm, please call our office during business hours at (517) 546-2440.

License to Purchase

The new firearm law now requires a License to Purchase for any firearm purchase (pistol or non-pistol). This includes a purchase from an FFL dealer.

- **Exceptions:**

- Anyone with an active Michigan CPL, active MCOLES, or has an FFL
- Purchasing a long gun (more than 26 inches) from an FFL

The requirement to return the License to Purchase or Firearms Transaction Record is now the seller's responsibility. *There is no requirement to return if it is a non-pistol purchase* The License to Purchase must be returned to the licensing authority (the agency that issued it) and the Firearms Transaction Record must be returned to the seller's local police/sheriff agency.

Gun Registration Drop Box

Don't forget to take advantage of our Gun Registration drive-up Drop Box located just outside the Public Entrance!

Pistol Sales Records may also be mailed to:

Livingston County Sheriff's Office

Attn: Gun Registration

150 S. Highlander Way

Howell MI 48843

Firearm Ownership

Firearm ownership is a great responsibility. You must take the appropriate measures to safeguard your welfare, as well as the welfare of others, when handling a firearm. Accident prevention is the user's responsibility.

Qualifications

To legally own and use a firearm, you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be at least 21 years of age, or you must be at least 18 years of age if you are purchasing the firearm from a relative.
- If you have ever been convicted of a Felony, you will not be eligible.
- If you have any criminal cases pending against you or old cases without a court disposition, you will not be eligible.
- If you have any court orders that state you may not purchase or own a firearm, you will not be eligible.
- You must present valid picture identification showing your current address. We will not accept expired identifications.

Purchasing a Firearm from a Dealer

With a CPL

If you are purchasing any firearm from a dealer and you have a valid Michigan CPL, you may go directly to the FFL dealer to make your purchase. They will fill out the Firearms Sales Record form for you and you will sign it as the purchaser. They will provide you with a copy for your records only. If you purchased a pistol (26 inches or less), it is the FFL's responsibility to return the Firearms Transaction Record to their local law enforcement agency for registration.

Without a CPL

If you are purchasing a pistol (26 inches or less) from an FFL dealer and you do not have a Michigan CPL, you must come into our office to obtain a Firearm Purchase Permit. Your permit is good for 30 days from the time it is issued. You will provide the license to the FFL, and they will complete it and provide you with a copy. The FFL dealer has the responsibility to return the completed firearm license to the Licensing Authority that issued it within 10 days for registration. If you are purchasing a long gun (more than 26 inches) from a dealer and you do not have a valid Michigan CPL, you may go directly to the FFL dealer to make your purchase. They will fill out the Firearms Sales Record form for you and you will sign it as the purchaser. They will provide you with a copy for your records only. There is no requirement for the FFL or you to return the sales record for registration.

Purchasing a Firearm from an Individual With a CPL

If you are purchasing a pistol from an individual and you have a valid Michigan CPL, you may go on to the Michigan State Police website and fill out the Firearms Sales Record (**RI-060**) form. Once the form is completed and signed, it is the seller's responsibility to return the Firearms Transaction Record to their local law enforcement agency for registration. If you are purchasing a long-gun, you will fill out the same form, but there is no requirement to turn it in for registration.

Without a CPL

If you are purchasing any firearm (pistol and non-pistol) from an individual and you do not have a valid Michigan CPL, please come into our office to obtain a Firearm Purchase Permit. Your permit is good for 30 days from the time it is issued. Once the transaction is complete, the seller has 10 days to return the Licensing Authority copy to the Licensing Authority on the license **ONLY** if it is a pistol (26 inches or less). If the firearm purchased is a long gun (greater than 26 inches), there is no requirement to return it to the licensing authority, simply ensure you keep a copy of the license.

Inheriting a Firearm from a Relative

Pistol (26 inches or less)

If you inherited a pistol, and you have a valid Michigan CPL, you may go on to the Michigan State Police website and fill out the Firearms Sales Record (**RI-060**) form. Once the form is completed and signed, it is the next of kin or representative of the estate' responsibility to return the sales record to their local law enforcement agency.

If you inherited a pistol and you do not have a valid Michigan CPL, you must come into our office to obtain a Firearm Purchase Permit. Your permit is good for 30 days from the time it is issued. Once the form is completed and signed, it is the next of kin or representative of the estate's responsibility to return the purchase permit to the Licensing Authority in which it was obtained.

Long-gun (more than 26 inches)

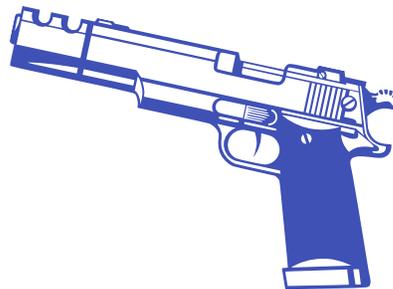
If you inherited a long gun, and you have a valid Michigan CPL, you may go on to the Michigan State Police website and fill out the Firearms Sales Record (**RI-060**) form. There is no requirement to turn in the sales record for registration, but ensure you keep a copy for your records.

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New Michigan Resident

If you moved from out of state, you must have your firearms re-registered in the State of Michigan. Please come into our office to obtain a Firearm Purchase Permit.

Firearm Safety & Requirements



Transporting Your Firearm

Without a Concealed Pistol License, you are limited to transporting your pistol, unloaded, in a locked container, in the trunk of a vehicle only under the following circumstances:

- En route to or from a hunting or target shooting area.
- Transportation from the place of purchase to your home, place of business or place of repair.
- In moving goods from one place of residence or business to another place of residence or business.

If your vehicle does not have a trunk, the weapon may be transported in the passenger compartment for the above purposes, provided that it is unloaded, in a locked case and not readily accessible to the occupants of the vehicle.

Hunting with a Firearm

When hunting with a pistol, the pistol must be carried in a holster or belt in plain view, on the outside of your clothing, unless you have a Concealed Pistol License for hunting or a non-restricted Concealed Pistol License.