

which the secretary determines to be correct and complete, the secretary shall rescind the order within fourteen days from receipt of such report.

Section 318. Whoever knowingly violates the provisions of section three hundred and fifteen shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars. Whoever knowingly provides false or misleading information required under the provisions of section three hundred and seventeen shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

SECTION 2. The secretary of the executive office of consumer affairs is hereby authorized to develop and implement rules and regulations for a voluntary program for the labelling of appliances, in cooperation with appliance manufacturers, distributors, importers and retailers and other interested parties. Said program shall conform to the terms and requirements of sections three hundred and sixteen and three hundred and seventeen of chapter ninety-four of the General Laws, added by section one of this act, except that chapter thirty A shall not apply to said rules and regulations, and said program shall cease to be effective on January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

SECTION 3. Sections three hundred and fourteen to three hundred and eighteen, inclusive, of chapter ninety-four of the General Laws, added by section one of this act, shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

Approved October 9, 1973.

Chap. 892. AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE PURCHASE, LICENSING, AND KEEPING OF RECORDS OF FIREARMS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 121 of chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

In sections one hundred and twenty-two to one hundred and thirty-one F, inclusive, "firearm" shall mean a pistol, revolver or other weapon of any description loaded or unloaded, from which a shot or bullet can be discharged and of which the length of barrel is less than sixteen inches or eighteen inches in the case of a shotgun, and the term "length of barrel" shall mean that portion of a firearm, rifle, shotgun or machine gun through which a shot or bullet is driven, guided or stabilized, and shall include the chamber. A "machine gun" is a weapon of any description, by whatever name known, loaded or unloaded, from which a number of shots or bullets may be rapidly or automatically discharged by one continuous activation of the trigger, and includes a submachine gun. The term "ammunition" shall mean cartridges or cartridge cases, primers (igniter), bullets or propellant powder designed for use in any fire-

arm, rifle or shotgun. The term "ammunition" shall also mean tear gas cartridges, chemical mace, or any device or instrument which contains or emits a liquid, gas, powder, or any other substance designed to incapacitate. The words "purchase" and "sale" include exchange; the word "purchaser" shall include exchanger; and the verbs "sell" and "purchase", in their different forms and tenses, shall include the verb exchange in its appropriate form and tense, and the term "gunsmith" as used in this chapter shall mean and include any person who engages in the business of repairing, altering, cleaning, polishing, engraving, blueing or performing any mechanical operation on any firearm, rifle, shotgun or machine gun. The word "conviction" shall mean a finding or verdict of guilt, or a plea of guilty whether or not final sentence is imposed. "Licensing Authority" shall mean the chief of police or the board or officer having control of the police in a city or town, or persons authorized by them.

SECTION 2. The first paragraph of section 122B of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by striking out the eighth and ninth sentences, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 456 of the acts of 1971.

SECTION 3. Section 129C of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by striking out the first and second paragraphs, as appearing in section 8 of chapter 799 of the acts of 1969, and inserting in place thereof the following two paragraphs: —

No person, other than a licensed dealer or one who has been issued a license to carry a pistol or revolver or an exempt person as hereinafter described, shall own or possess any firearm, rifle, shotgun or ammunition unless he has been issued a firearm identification card by the licensing authority pursuant to the provisions of section one hundred and twenty-nine B.

No person shall sell, give away, loan or otherwise transfer a rifle or shotgun or ammunition other than (a) by operation of law, or (b) to an exempt person as hereinafter described, or (c) to a licensed dealer, or (d) to a person who displays his firearm identification card, or license to carry a pistol or revolver.

SECTION 4. The fourth paragraph of said section 129C of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "shotguns", in lines 11, 23, 25, 27, 36, and 73, in each instance, the words: — and ammunition therefor.

SECTION 5. The fifth paragraph of said section 129C of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "shotgun", in line 3, the words: — or ammunition therefor.

SECTION 6. Section 129D of said chapter 140, as amended by section 9 of said chapter 799, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "shotguns", in lines 7, 10, 12, 15, 17, 18, and 22, in each instance, the words: — and ammunition.

SECTION 7. Section 131 of said chapter 140, as most recently amended by chapter 145 of the acts of 1972, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph: —

The license holder shall notify, in writing, the authority who issued said license, the chief of police into whose jurisdiction the license holder moves, and the commissioner of public safety of any change in his address. Such notification shall be made within ten days of its occurrence.

SECTION 7A. Section 131A of said chapter 140 is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence, as amended by section 4 of chapter 312 of the acts of 1972, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The commissioner of public safety or a person authorized by him, upon the application of a person licensed under section one hundred and thirty-one F, may grant to such licensee, other than a minor, a permit to purchase, rent or lease a firearm, rifle or shotgun, or to purchase ammunition therefor, if it appears that such purchase, rental or lease is for a proper purpose, and may revoke such permit at will.

SECTION 8. Said section 131A of said chapter 140 is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph: —

The fee for such permits shall be two dollars.

SECTION 9. Chapter 269 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 10C, inserted by chapter 342 of the acts of 1969, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

Section 10C. Whoever uses tear gas cartridges, chemical mace, or any device or instrument which contains a liquid, gas, powder, or any other substance designed to incapacitate for the purpose of committing a crime shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than seven years. *Approved October 9, 1973.*

Chap. 893. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THE INDIGENT MENTALLY ILL.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 221 of the General Law is hereby amended by inserting after section 34D the following section: —

Section 34E. The justices of the supreme judicial court shall appoint a mental health legal advisors committee consisting of fourteen attorneys, four of whom shall hold office for a term of four years, four for a term of three years, three for a term of two years and three for a term of one year. Upon completion of each such term of a member of said committee, his successor shall be appointed for a term of four years. The unexpired portion of any term which becomes vacant shall be filled by the justices of the supreme judicial court. Members of said committee may be removed by the justices of the supreme judicial court. No member of the committee shall receive any compensation for his services, but each member shall be reimbursed for actual traveling expenses incurred by him in attending the committee meetings. The membership of the committee shall contain a practicing attorney or attorneys from each of the mental health regions of the Commonwealth. The committee shall annually appoint and may at any time remove an