

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. -2026

A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 529 of the Laws of Westchester County to add a requirement to post a graphic image of the dangers of weapons or firearms.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. Section 529.21 of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 529.21. Disclosure Notices.

a. Every Dealer located in the County of Westchester and engaged in the retail business of selling weapons shall not sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of any weapon to another person unless a notice is posted in the Site where such weapons or firearms are displayed or delivered to the purchaser at the entrance to the site and in at least one additional area where sales occur conspicuously stating, in no smaller than 24-point type and on paper at least 8 and 1/2 inches by 11 inches in bold print the following warning:

WARNING

ACCESS TO A WEAPON OR FIREARM IN THE HOME SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES THE RISK OF SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, DEATH DURING DOMESTIC DISPUTES, AND UNINTENTIONAL DEATHS TO CHILDREN, HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AND OTHERS. IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS EXPERIENCING DISTRESS AND/OR DEPRESSION, CALL THE CRISIS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TEAM AT (914) 925-5959 or THE NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE AT 988.

b. Every Dealer located in the County of Westchester and engaged in the retail business of selling weapons shall not sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of any weapon to

another person unless a graphic warning sign depicting the nature of the health and safety risks contained in the written notice, is posted adjacent to the notice required in subdivision a. of this section, in the Site where such weapons or firearms are displayed or delivered to the purchaser at the entrance to the site and in at least one additional area where sales occur, on paper at least 8 and 1/2 inches by 11 inches.

c. The Westchester County Department of Health shall, within 6 months of the effective date of this Local Law:

1. Design one or more graphic warnings signs that depict the nature of the health and safety risks listed in the notice required pursuant to subdivision b of this section and which, in the view of the Department of Health, are likely to be beneficial in educating the public and mitigating such risks;

2. Establish the format, type size, colors, designs, and any additional text to be included in a graphic warning sign to be posted pursuant to subdivision b of this section; and

3. Publish and make freely available on its website the graphic warning signs designed pursuant to this subdivision.

d. Upon the issuance of a license, the County Clerk shall provide the licensee with the following:

1. a written copy of a warning notice conspicuously stating in no smaller than 24-point type and on paper at least 8 and 1/2 inches by 11 inches in bold print the following warning:

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DEATHS TO CHILDREN, HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AND OTHERS. IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS EXPERIENCING DISTRESS AND/OR DEPRESSION, CALL THE CRISIS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TEAM AT (914) 925-5959 or THE NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE AT 988.

2. a copy of a graphic warning sign promulgated by the Department of Health pursuant to subdivision c of this Section, on paper at least 8 and 1/2 inches by 11 inches.

e. The County of Westchester and its agencies, officers or employees shall not be liable to any party by reason of any injury or damage resulting from the failure of any person subject to this Chapter, to comply with this Chapter, or by reason or in consequence of any act or omission in connection with the implementation or enforcement of this Chapter.

§2. This Local Law shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.