

An Act Modernizing Firearms Laws – FAQ

On July 25, 2024, The Governor signed into law an Act Modernizing Firearms Laws.

The law is currently in effect with the signing of an emergency preamble on Wednesday October 2, 2024

One of the major changes with the new law in Section 74 of the act is that there is a different curriculum requirement for the safety course to include a live fire component. The Massachusetts State Police, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Police Training Committee, is in the process of developing curriculum to address the new Basic Firearms Safety Course requirements.

Q: I am looking to apply for my LTC for the first time, will my basic firearms safety certificate be sufficient?

A: Yes you can apply and upon successful background and review, You will be issued a license but upon its expiration/renewal you will be required to submit proof that you completed the new BFS and Live fire component at the time of your renewal application.

Q: Can I apply for or renew a LTC in the town where I own a business?

A: No. Applicants can only apply for or renew a firearms license in the city/town where they reside, or a non-resident of the Commonwealth through the Firearms Records Bureau.