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PART 590

FIREARMS, RIFLES, AIRGUNS AND SHOTGUNS

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§ 590.1 Applicability of regulations.

(a) This Part shall govern the possession and use of firearms, rifles, shotguns, airguns and weapons on the premises of the State-operated institutions of State University of New York, in accordance with the provisions of Penal Law, section 265.01(3) and the rules for the maintenance of public order (Part 535, infra).

(b) Except for employees of State University, this Part shall not apply to the possession of firearms, rifles, shotguns or weapons by persons in the military or other service of the United States or the State of New York, in pursuit of official duty when duly authorized by Federal or State law, regulation or order to possess the same.

§ 590.2 Definitions.

(a) The terms firearm, rifle and shotgun as used in this Part shall be defined as in the Penal Law.

(b) Weapon shall mean those weapons described in section 265.01 of the Penal Law.

(c) Airgun shall mean any rifle or pistol operated by compressed air that fires a metallic projectile.

§ 590.3 General authorization and prohibitions.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Part, a chief administrative officer may grant authorization for the possession of firearms, rifles, airguns or shotguns only if such possession is required or permitted for specifically authorized:

- (1) educational programs;
- (2) scientific research;
- (3) skeet, trap, or other target shooting activities carried on under the supervision of the university; or
- (4) for the storage of sporting arms.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this Part, any such authorization granted pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section may be rescinded at any time but in no event shall be valid for longer than one academic year, and shall be nontransferable.

(c) No firearm, rifle, shotgun, airgun or other weapon may be used, loaded, fired or discharged unless under the supervision of a qualified firearms instructor approved by the university. This prohibition shall not apply to forestry lands under the control of the State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry or farm lands under the control of the State University College of Technology at Alfred.

§ 590.4 Storage of firearms.

Except when issued in accordance with this Part, all firearms, rifles, shotguns, airguns and other weapons shall be stored unloaded in the appropriately locked arsenal within or under the control of the campus public safety department of each State-operated campus. Ammunition shall be stored in a separate area within said arsenal. Access to such firearms and ammunition shall be limited to the chief administrative officer or such designee as may be appointed in writing.

§ 590.5 Authorization for university police officers.

(a) The chief administrative officer of a State-operated campus may authorize those university police officers to possess ammunition and firearms while on duty who:

- (1) have been designated police officers;
- (2) have successfully completed a course of instruction conducted under the strict supervision of qualified firearms instructors;
- (3) have qualified at least semiannually thereafter; and
- (4) have been recommended by the chief of university police.

(b) The scope of such authorization shall be defined in writing, and may be rescinded at any time.

§ 590.6 Supplemental guidelines; violation of regulations.

(a) The chancellor, or designee, is hereby authorized to promulgate supplemental guidelines in the use and care of firearms not inconsistent with this Part.

(b) Any violation of university regulations or procedures governing firearms, rifles, shotguns, airguns or other weapons on campus shall be cause for administrative and disciplinary action.