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Own a Pistol or Revolver? Don't Forget to Recertify

Monticello, NY – Sullivan County Clerk Daniel Briggs reminds all pistol/revolver license-holders that the New York State SAFE Act requires them to recertify every five years in order to keep their license.

For some, that means an important deadline is looming.

“If your license was issued before January 15, 2013, you must submit your recertification by January 31, 2018 – which is just two months away,” Briggs noted. “If your license was issued on or after January 15, 2013, you will need to submit your recertification five years after the date of issue.”

Anyone who does not recertify by the deadline will have their license revoked. **Do not depend on being notified by the State, the police or the courts. You are responsible for initiating and completing recertification.**

To begin the process, go to <https://firearms.troopers.ny.gov/pprecert> and follow the instructions. If you prefer to fill out the form in writing, it's available to be printed at <https://troopers.ny.gov/firearms> (or at any State Police station) and can then be mailed to the New York State Police, Pistol Permit Bureau, Building 22, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12226-2252.

It is highly recommended that you make a copy of your recertification and confirm with the State via a hyperlink that is provided during the process. If you mail in your form, send it certified with receipt requested. For questions, call 1-855-529-4867.

This program is under the direction of the New York State Police. But while the Sullivan County Clerk's Office does not handle these recertifications, staff are ready to assist licensees in navigating the process.

"Just call my office at 845-807-0411 and ask to speak with Barbara, Russ or Erinn," advised Briggs. "We can answer your questions and ensure you do what is necessary to recertify."