IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR
LICENSE TO CARRY APPLICATION

To: Applicant for a License to Carry a Firearm

One of the primary reasons License to Carry applications are denied is because the applicant failed to answer Question # 10 properly or truthfully.

Question # 10 on the application ask, "have you ever <u>appeared</u> in any court as a defendant for any criminal offense (excluding non-criminal traffic offenses.) You do not have to put down non-criminal traffic offenses (the key word here is "**appeared**", not necessarily arrested). Having been arrested and convicted of a crime <u>does not</u> necessarily prohibit you from obtaining a License to Carry, <u>not</u> putting it down on the application does.

Please note that, "**ever appeared"** includes <u>all adult and juvenile</u> court appearances. It does not matter if you were found "<u>not guilty</u>", or "<u>not delinquent</u>", or if the charges were "<u>dismissed</u>", or if the case was "<u>continued without a finding</u>", or any other disposition. You are required to include all appearances. If you do not answer all questions truthfully and during the background check the information comes to light, no matter how long ago the incident occurred, your license application will be denied. If you have a sealed record, put "sealed record on the application. You do not have to disclose what the offense was. We will be notified of the sealed record if it is a disqualifier by the State.

Since appearing in court is not a matter that one tends to forget, the excuse of I forgot will not be accepted. Claiming that you were informed that the record would not appear in the future, it never showed up before or I did not think it mattered will not be accepted and the application will be denied.

If you are unsure you should obtain a records check. Forms are available at the web site Mass.gov or from the Executive Office of Public Safety.

Any omissions, or false answers will be cause for your application to be denied.

Signed _____ date._____