Selling Ammunition to a Customer with a FOID (or CCL) That Has No Printed Expiration Date

Beginning January 1, 2022, there will be in circulation and possessed by the public:

- FOID Cards with and without expiration dates printed on the face;
- CCLs with expiration dates printed on the face; and
- Combined FOID and CCLs without expiration dates printed on the face.

Current FOID Card

Current Concealed Carry License

Front Side New Card Stock

Reverse Side New Card Stock

Example New Combined Card

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(a) “A Firearm Owner’s Identification Card, issued by the Department of State Police at such places as the Director of the Department shall specify, shall contain the applicant's name, residence, date of birth, sex, physical description, recent photograph, except as provided in subsection (c-5), and signature. Each Firearm Owner’s Identification Card must have the Firearm Owner's Identification Card number expiration date boldly and conspicuously displayed on the face of the card.”

A customer comes to you and wishes to purchase ammunition. Up until now, you asked for their FOID, they presented it (or their CCL), you checked the printed expiration date, and if it appeared on its face to be valid, you made the sale. Easy enough. This process will change in the coming days and months.

Because of the many opportunities being instituted to renew a FOID without any required interaction between the cardholder and the Firearms Services Bureau (FSB), beginning January 1, 2022, we will no longer be printing expiration dates on FOIDs or CCLs. If you encounter a card like this, simply go to the Applicant portal and click, “Firearms Transfers” Or type in https://verify.ispfsb.com into your browser address bar.
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Enter the card number and date of birth of the person (buyer/transferee) to whom you will be transferring the ammunition and click, “Submit.”

THIS IS NOT A BACKGROUND CHECK!  This is nothing more than a check to see if the FOID is still valid.  If the card is valid, you will receive a transaction approval number.  Make the sale.  If you are told the card is not valid, you will not be told why.

You do not have to follow this procedure for a card with a printed expiration date that appears to be valid. There is no requirement by the Act for the retention of records related to the validity of the FOID card for the transfer of ammunition.

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