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FIREARMS LAW

Safety inspection requirement eliminated

Effective: **January 7, 2009**

Public Acts 194 – 196 of 2008 amended Michigan's firearms law by eliminating the pistol safety inspection requirement. Persons purchasing a pistol will no longer be required to present their new pistol to their local police department.

Non-CPL holders will still need to obtain a License to Purchase a Pistol from their local department before purchasing a pistol. CPL holders will still document pistol purchases on a Pistol Sales Record. Two copies of Licenses to Purchase or Pistol Sales Records must be mailed or delivered by the buyer to their local police department within 10 days of acquiring a pistol. Failure to do so is a state civil infraction. Once a department receives either record, they must process them as in the past.

Further, pistol buyers are required to have in their possession their copy of the License to Purchase or Pistol Sales Record for 30 days after they acquire a pistol. There is no requirement to keep a copy of either record after 30 days.

[Public Act 194 of 2008](#)

[Public Act 195 of 2008](#)

[Public Act 196 of 2008](#)

LEGAL RESOURCES

Municode.com is a commercial Web site that offers access to municipal codes from throughout the country, including criminal and traffic ordinances. The site includes a free database of codes that can be searched online. It also offers for sale print copies of codes and advanced research options.

CRIMINAL LAW

MCL 750.66 & MCL 750.66a

Dog bite reporting requirements

Effective: **January 1, 2009**

Public Acts 205 and 206 of 2008 added MCL 750.66 and MCL 750.66a to the Michigan Penal Code. Those sections require that when a person 18 or older is responsible for controlling a dog or wolf-dog cross that has bitten another person, they must do all of the following:

- Provide the person bitten with their name and address
- Provide the person bitten with the name and address of the animal's owner
- Provide information regarding whether the animal has all required vaccinations
- Remain on scene until the above information has been provided

Failing to provide all required information is a 93-day misdemeanor, and leaving the scene without providing the information is a separate 93-day misdemeanor. Neither section applies to police dogs.

[MCL 750.66](#)

[MCL 750.66a](#)

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