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Res. No. 1265

Resolution calling upon the New York City Police Department to continue to closely scrutinize the applications of those individuals who already have permission to carry a large number of weapons.

By Council Members Espada, Boyland, Freed, Marshall, Perkins, Rodriguez and Warden; also Council Members Foster, Lasher, Leffler, Linares, Michels, Provenzano and White.

Whereas, Gun violence is a serious concern in all American cities, including New York City; and

Whereas, According to the Fiscal 1999 Mayor's Management Report, there were 2,118 reported shooting victims in Fiscal 1998 and 2,009 reported shooting victims in Fiscal 1999; and

Whereas, According to data compiled by the Department of Health, there were 486 deaths by firearms in 1997, 483 of which were deemed homicides; and

Whereas, Gun violence has exacted a heavy human toll in this City; and

Whereas, Under New York State Law, the Police Commissioner is designated as the handgun licensing officer for New York City, and he must approve applications to carry or possess a handgun; and

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 5-25 of Title 38 of the Rules of the City of New York, the New York City Police Department ("NYPD") has issued regulations regarding the purchase of handguns; and

Whereas, This same section leaves to the discretion of the Licensing Division of the NYPD the number of handguns that may be possessed for a particular license; and

Whereas, Pursuant to the Administrative Code of the City of New York, the Police Commissioner is designated as the licensing authority who approves applications for the possession of rifles and shotguns; and

Whereas, Pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Rules of the City of New York, the Police Commissioner, in his discretion, may issue a license to carry a rifle or shotgun; and

Whereas, In light of recent shooting incidents, in which perpetrators have been found with large numbers of weapons, it is clear that possession of large numbers of weapons, even those duly registered, generally serves no useful function; and

Whereas, It is important to the safety of the citizens of this City that the NYPD carefully scrutinize applications to carry additional weapons; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the New York City Council calls upon the New York City Police Department to continue to closely scrutinize the applications of those individuals who already have permission to carry a large number of weapons.
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