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**TO: ALL BERGEN COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE, POLICE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE, AND SHERIFF**

**FROM: PROSECUTOR MARK MUSELLA**

**DATE: AUGUST 8, 2022**

**SUBJECT: BERGEN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIRECTIVE NO. 2022-5 ISSUANCE OF FIREARMS PURCHASER IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

On August 16, 2020, the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office issued **Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Law Enforcement Directive No. 2022-3 New Training Requirement for Issuance of Firearms Purchaser Identification Cards and Handgun Purchase Permits; Changes to Requirements for Permits to Carry Handguns**. In that Directive, we noted that the July 5, 2022 amendment to N.J.S.A. 2C:58-3 now requires applicants for Firearms Purchaser Identification Cards ("FPICs") to provide proof of firearms training and requires all FPICs to display a color photograph and thumbprint. The amendment also requires the Superintendent of State Police to establish guidelines to effectuate issuance of new FPICs. Since the mandates of the amendment to N.J.S.A. 2C:58-3 took effect immediately, our Directive accordingly advised that no new FPICs should be issued until the State Police issued their guidelines and provided for the requirements of the new FPICs.

Recently, the Attorney General's Office has advised that the State Police are attempting to expedite the implementation of the new FPIC amendments. However, there is no firm date for the new guidelines or implementation. Therefore, in order to prevent a backlog of unprocessed FPIC applications, we are advising that you should process those applications in accordance with the usual guidelines that were in effect prior to the amendments of July 5, 2022.



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As always, I thank you for your cooperation.



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