

The registration of ammunitions sales was instituted by the Gun Control Act of 1968 and was eliminated in 1986. The record keeping requirement was determined to have served no useful purpose in keeping ammunition out of the hands of ineligible persons or in providing information to investigators. Felons were in no way deterred from obtaining ammunition.

Furthermore, the use of the NICS is restricted to transactions involving the transfer of firearms.¹ The system was not structured to support non-firearms related activity. It was specifically architected and is managed to prevent such improper use.

The problem of the accuracy of the NICS performance in New York may be real, although this has not been clearly established. But if true, the solution put forth in this bill is ill conceived. The state should perform a comprehensive review of its procedures for collecting and transmitting disqualifying records and establish a mechanism for addressing any emerging lapses before launching any structural changes to delivery side of the system.

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¹ 28 CFR §25.6(a) and 28 CFR §25.6(j)(1).